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All seismometers in a subarray were at a depth of 200 ft, except seismometer 10 (the center seismometer) which was at 500 ft. The noise level on seismometer 10 above 1.5 cps was found to be significantly lower than the noise levels on the other seismometers. Thus, seismometer 21 (at a depth of 200 ft and near the center of each subarray) was chosen to represent the noise level at each subarray.

At the 0.2- to 0.3-cps microseismic peak, results were consistent for the 13 samples. Subarrays E4, F3, and F4 — located on the western edge of LASA in the vicinity of the Porcupine Dome — were significantly quieter sites than the average. It appears that the dome and its associated complex geology significantly attenuated the low-frequency microseismic energy. Subarrays D1, E1, and F1, which are in the northeast sector of LASA, were significantly noisier sites than the average. No explanation for their higher noise levels is known.

Variations in the peak power levels were highly correlated over all of the LASA, which implies a common source for most of the energy at 0.2 to 0.3 cps. This observation is consistent with the theory that large storms at sea are the major source of low-frequency microseismic energy.

Above approximately 1.5 cps, power levels varied considerably from subarray to subarray as well as from noise sample to noise sample. Thus, most of the energy above 1.5 cps appeared to be nontime stationary and generated in the vicinity of a subarray.

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INTRODUCTION

A. PROCESSING

This report discusses the space and time variability of short-period seismic noise over the Montana Large-Aperture Seismic Array (LASA). Thirteen noise samples were used in the analysis (Table II-1). Each subarray of each noise sample was processed with the theoretical multichannel filter (MCF) described in Special Report No. 3.[1] The MCF was designed using a disk signal model with an 11-km/sec edge velocity and a 2- to 6-km/sec noise annulus and exhibited good wavenumber response down to 0.2 cps. Power spectra of the noise out of the MCF and of the noise on seismometer 21 were computed for each subarray. Figure II-1 shows typical spectra which were obtained; the sharp peak at 0.2 to 0.3 cps was the dominant characteristic on all spectra.

Table II-1

NOISE SAMPLES USED IN THE ANALYSIS

Noise Sample	Type	Date	Time (GMT)	Unprocessed Subarrays
1	Day noise	10/29/65	21:01:02.6-21:06:48.5	D3, E1
2	Day noise	11/4/65	00:42:00.0-00:48:00.0	C1, C2
3	Noise and Aleutian event	11/10/65	04:02:56.9-04:08:40.8	B1, E2, F3
4	Night noise	11/13/65	02:05:00.0-02:11:00.0	A0, C2, F3
5	Night noise	11/25/65	01:00:00.0-01:05:00.0	——
6	Night noise	12/04/65	02:13:00.0-02:19:00.0	A0, F3
7	Night noise	12/04/65	03:07:00.0-03:12:00.0	F3
8	Day noise	12/21/65	08:41:00.0-08:46:00.0	D1
9	Night noise	1/22/66	06:57:00.0-07:05:00.0	F1
10	Noise and Greece event	2/5/66	03:02:55.4-03:11:06.3	F1
11	Day noise	4/8/66	05:18:09.3-05:26:09.0	B1, C1
12	Noise and Panama event	4/15/66	06:44:08.1-06:52:08.0	B1, F3, F4
13	Day noise	4/29/66	09:26:17.9-09:31:06.8	F1
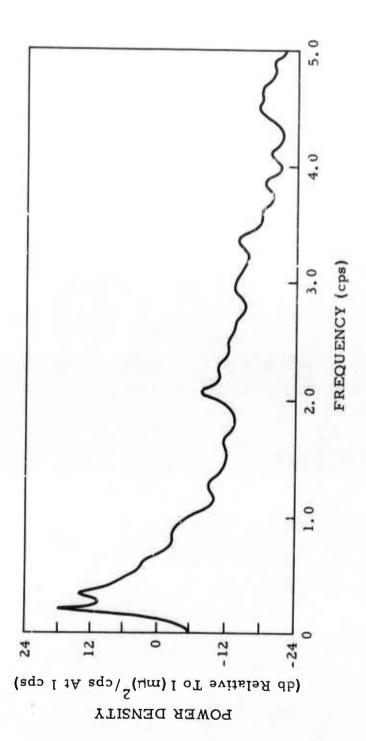
Figure II-1. Typical Noise Spectrum at LASA

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B. COMPARISON OF NOISE LEVELS ON SEISMOMETERS AT DEPTHS OF 500 AND 200 FT

In choosing a single seismometer to represent the noise level at a subarray, one usually uses the center seismometer. At LASA, the center seismometer is 500 ft below ground level, whereas the other seismometers are only 200 ft deep. To determine whether there was any difference in noise level at the two depths, the spectra for seismometer 21 and seismometer 10 (the center seismometer) at each subarray were computed for one noise sample. Spectral ratios of seismometer 10/seismometer 21 were calculated, and the average ratio was computed. Figure II-2 shows the average ratio and several of the individual ratios. On the average, between 0 and 1 cps, the two seismometers had the same noise level; between 1 and 2 cps, the ratio decreased to about -4 db; between 2 and 4.5 cps, the ratio was approximately a constant -4 db. Individual ratios generally had similar shapes, although they varied from roughly no decrease to as much as a 10-db decrease above 2 cps. Thus, above 2 cps, the noise level at 500 ft generally was significantly lower than that at 200 ft. Since all seismometers except the center one were at 200 ft, seismometer 21 rather than seismometer 10 was chosen to represent the noise level at each subarray.
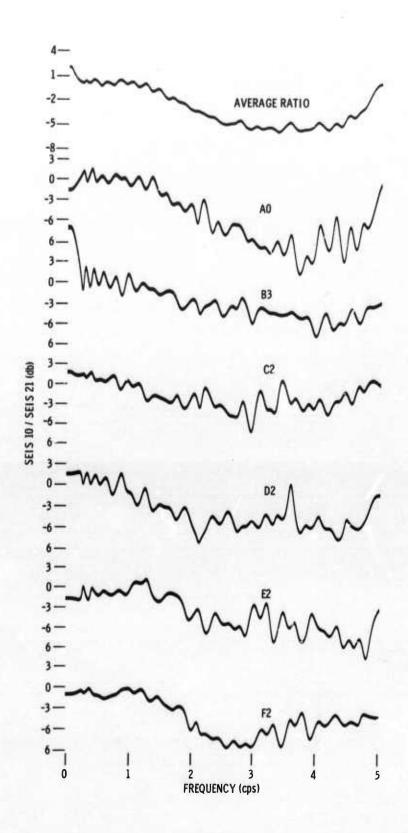
Figure II-2.   Seismometer 10/Seismometer 21 Spectra Ratios

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SECTION III

SPACE VARIABILITY OF LASA NOISE

To study the space variability of the LASA noise field, the seismometer-21 and MCF power spectra were averaged (using all subarrays) for each noise sample, and spectral ratios of (seismometer 21)/(average seismometer 21) and (MCF)/(average MCF) were computed. Because the spectra had been converted to decibels, the average spectra were geometric rather than arithmetic averages; i.e., the average spectra were obtained by computing

$$\overline{P(f)} \ (db) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} 10 \log_{10} P_i(f)$$

which can be written

$$P(f) \ (db) = 10 \log_{10} \left\{ \left[\prod_{i=1}^{N} P_i(f) \right]^{\frac{1}{N}} \right\}$$

where the expression in braces is the geometric average of the N power spectra.

Figures III-1 through III-13 show both the (seismometer 21)/(average seismometer 21) and (MCF)/(average MCF) spectral ratios for the 13 noise samples. In general, the two ratios are about the same at each sub-array. The differences that occur are usually at frequencies above 1.5 cps (e.g., subarray E2, Figure III-5; subarray E1, Figure III-6; and subarray B1, Figure III-10) and are probably due to an anomalously low (or high) noise level on seismometer 21 for that subarray.

Table III-1

NOISE LEVELS AT THE MICROSEISMIC PEAK

Subarray	Overall Performance	1 (21)	1 (MCF)	2 (21)	2 (MCF)	3 (21)	3 (MCF)	4 (21)	4 (MCF)	5 (21)	5 (MCF)	6 (21)	6 (MCF)	7 (21)	7 (MCF)	8 (21)	8 (MCF)	9 (21)	9 (MCF)	10 (21)	10 (MCF)	11 (21)	11 (MCF)	12 (21)	12 (MCF)	13 (21)	13 (MCF)
A0	AV	—	hi	—	(hi)	—	—	X	X	—	(hi)	X	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B1	AV	(hi)	—	—	(lo)	X	X	hi	—	—	(lo)	—	—	—	—	hi	—	—	(hi)	—	—	X	X	X	X	—	—
B2	HIAV	hi	—	—	(hi)	—	hi	(hi)	hi	—	(hi)	—	—	—	—	—	—	hi	hi	hi	hi	—	—	—	—	hi	—
B3	AV	hi	—	lo	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B4	AV	—	(hi)	—	—	—	(lo)	(hi)	—	(lo)	—	—	(lo)	—	—	—	—	hi	—	—	—	—	—	—	(lo)	—	—
C1	AV	—	—	X	X	—	—	—	—	—	(lo)	—	—	—	—	—	hi	hi	hi	(hi)	—	X	X	—	—	—	—
C2	AV	—	—	X	X	lo	—	X	X	—	—	(lo)	(lo)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	lo	lo	—	—	—	—
C3	HIAV	—	—	hi	(hi)	hi	(hi)	—	(lo)	—	—	(hi)	(hi)	—	—	—	—	(hi)	hi	—	(hi)	—	—	—	—	—	—
C4	HIAV	hi	(hi)	—	—	—	—	—	(hi)	—	—	(hi)	hi	—	—	—	—	—	—	hi	hi	—	(hi)	—	—	—	—
D1	HI	hi	(hi)	hi	(hi)	(hi)	(hi)	—	—	hi	hi	hi	hi	hi	hi	—	X	hi	—	hi	hi	(hi)	(hi)	hi	hi	hi	hi
D2	LOAV	—	hi	—	lo	—	—	—	(hi)	(lo)	hi	—	—	hi	hi	X	lo	—	hi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	lo
D3	AV	X	X	—	—	—	—	lo	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	lo	(lo)	—	—	lo	—	—	—	—	—	—
D4	LOAV	—	hi	—	lo	—	—	hi	—	—	—	hi	hi	—	—	lo	lo	—	—	hi	hi	lo	lo	lo	lo	—	lo
E1	HI	X	X	hi	hi	hi	hi	(lo)	hi	hi	hi	hi	hi	hi	hi	—	hi	hi	hi	—	—	hi	hi	hi	hi	hi	hi
E2	AV	—	(hi)	—	lo	X	X	lo	lo	—	—	(lo)	lo	hi	hi	hi	—	—	—	(lo)	(lo)	—	—	lo	lo	—	—
E3	LOAV	—	—	—	—	(lo)	lo	—	—	—	—	lo	lo	—	lo	—	—	—	—	lo	lo	—	—	lo	lo	—	—
E4	LO	lo	lo	lo	lo	lo	lo	lo	lo	lo	lo	lo	lo	lo	lo	(lo)	lo	lo	lo	lo	lo	lo	lo	lo	lo	lo	lo
F1	HI	—	—	(hi)	hi	(hi)	(hi)	—	—	(hi)	(hi)	X	lo	lo	lo	lo	hi	lo	lo	X	X	—	(hi)	—	lo	—	—
F2	LOAV	(lo)	—	—	(lo)	(lo)	—	lo	lo	—	lo	—	X	—	—	—	lo	X	X	lo	lo	—	—	—	hi	—	—
F3	LO	lo	(lo)	lo	—	X	X	X	X	(lo)	(lo)	—	lo	X	X	—	—	lo	lo	—	—	lo	lo	X	X	—	—
F4	LO	lo	lo	lo	—	lo	lo	lo	lo	lo	lo	—	—	—	lo	lo	(lo)	(lo)	(lo)	—	(lo)	—	lo	X	X	lo	lo

Noise Sample

— Close to average
X Not processed

Table III-1 lists the noise level for each subarray at the microseismic peak for all noise samples and shows that

- Subarrays E4, F3, and F4 were generally low (i.e., more than 3 db below the average spectrum)

- Subarrays D2, D4, E3, and F2 tended to be low

- Subarrays D1, E1, and F1 were generally high (i.e., more than 3 db above the average spectrum)

- Subarrays B2, C3, and C4 tended to be high

- The remaining nine subarrays were generally close to average

Because of the peaked nature of the noise spectrum, the subarrays which are low at the microseismic peak are "quiet" sites in terms of total noise power; conversely, the high subarrays are noisy sites. Figure III-14 shows that the three quiet subarrays are located on the western edge of LASA. E4, which is the quietest, lies directly over the Porcupine Dome, and F3 and F4 are on its flanks. Apparently, this large feature and associated complex geology attenuate the low-frequency microseismic energy. On the other hand, the noisy subarrays are located in the northeast sector of LASA where variations in crustal structure are much less severe. No explanation for the noisy characteristics of these subarrays is known.

Between the microseismic peak and about 1.5 cps, noise levels varied both from subarray to subarray and from noise sample to noise sample. Other studies have shown that a substantial amount of the noise in this frequency band is high velocity,[2] so one might expect consistent spectral ratios

from noise sample to noise sample (as was observed at the microseismic peak). However, the source of energy at the microseismic peak was consistently to the northeast,[2] but the source of energy between the microseismic peak and 1.5 cps appeared to vary. It has been shown that subarray signal amplitudes are dependent on the location of the event.[3] Thus, the variation in source location is a possible explanation of the difference in power levels from noise sample to noise sample in the 0.3- to 1.5-cps frequency band. Also, the effect of local crustal structure on the shorter wavelength energy may be partially responsible for the varying noise levels.

At frequencies above 1.5 cps, noise levels varied considerably from subarray to subarray and did not show the consistency from noise sample to noise sample as was observed at the microseismic peak. Table III-2 lists characteristics of the spectral ratios at each subarray which were observed on some (but not all) of the noise samples. There appeared to be no highs or lows common to a set of subarrays implying that, above 1.5 cps, the noise at a subarray was generated in the vicinity of a subarray.

Table III-2

CHARACTERISTICS OF SUBARRAY SPECTRA
ABOVE MICROSEISMIC PEAK

Subarray	Spectral Characteristics Seen on Some Noise Samples
A0	High between 2 and 3 cps
B1	————
B2	————
B3	Slightly low above 2 cps
B4	————
C1	Small peak at approximately 2.5 cps
C2	Close to average above 0.5 cps
C3	Low above 2 cps
C4	————
D1	Close to average above 0.5 cps
D2	Large peak between 1 and 2 cps
D3	————
D4	Several sharp peaks between 3 and 5 cps
E1	Peak at approximately 2.5 cps
E2	Close to average above 0.5 cps
E3	Lows at approximately 1.5 and 2.5 cps
E4	Lows at 1.5 and 2.5 cps
F1	High between 2 and 4 cps
F2	————
F3	Low at approximately 3.0 cps
F4	Large peak at approximately 3.0 cps

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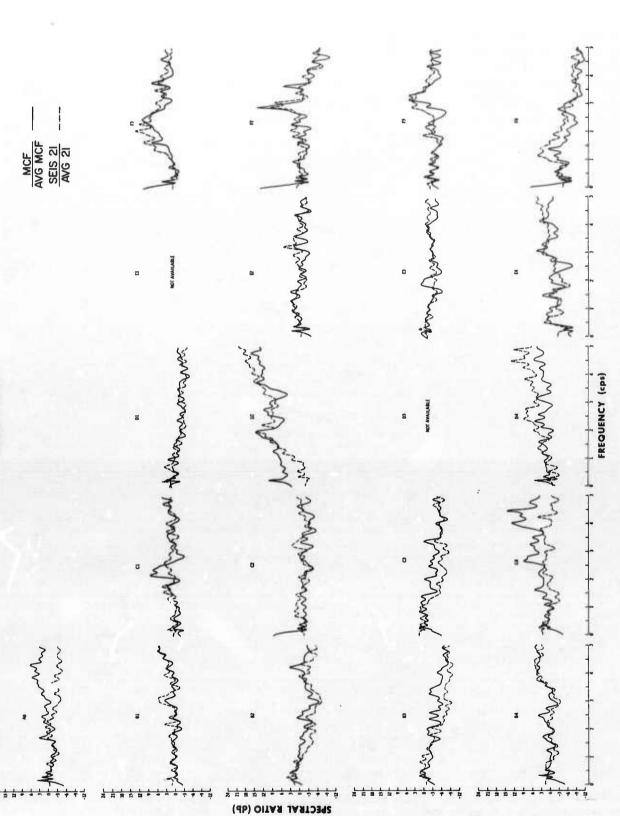
Figure III-1. Individual-to-Average Spectral Ratios for Seismometer 21 and MCF Outputs, Noise Sample 1

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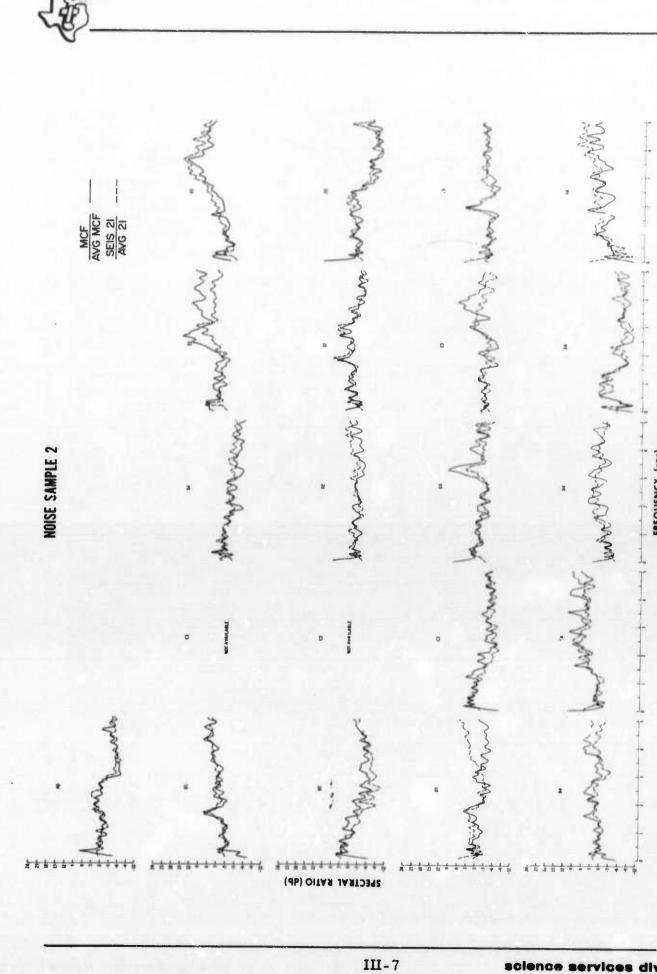
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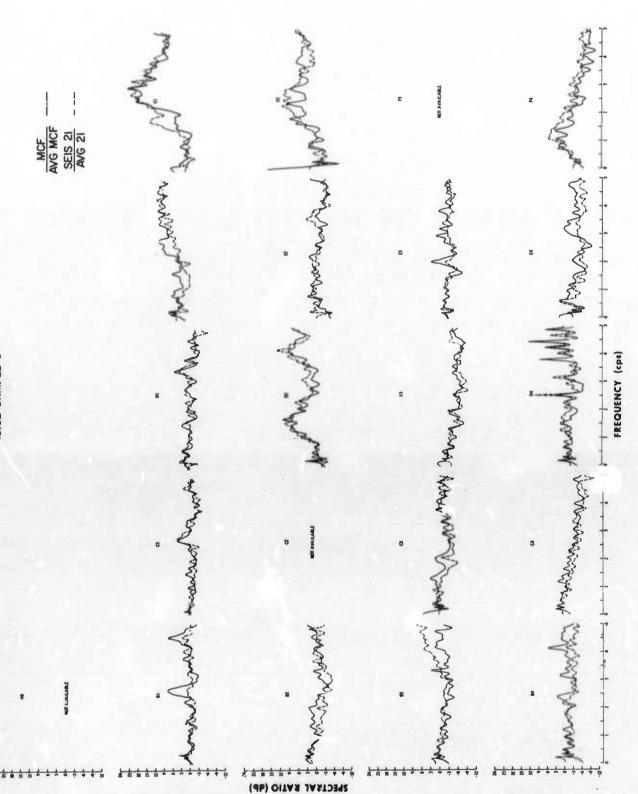
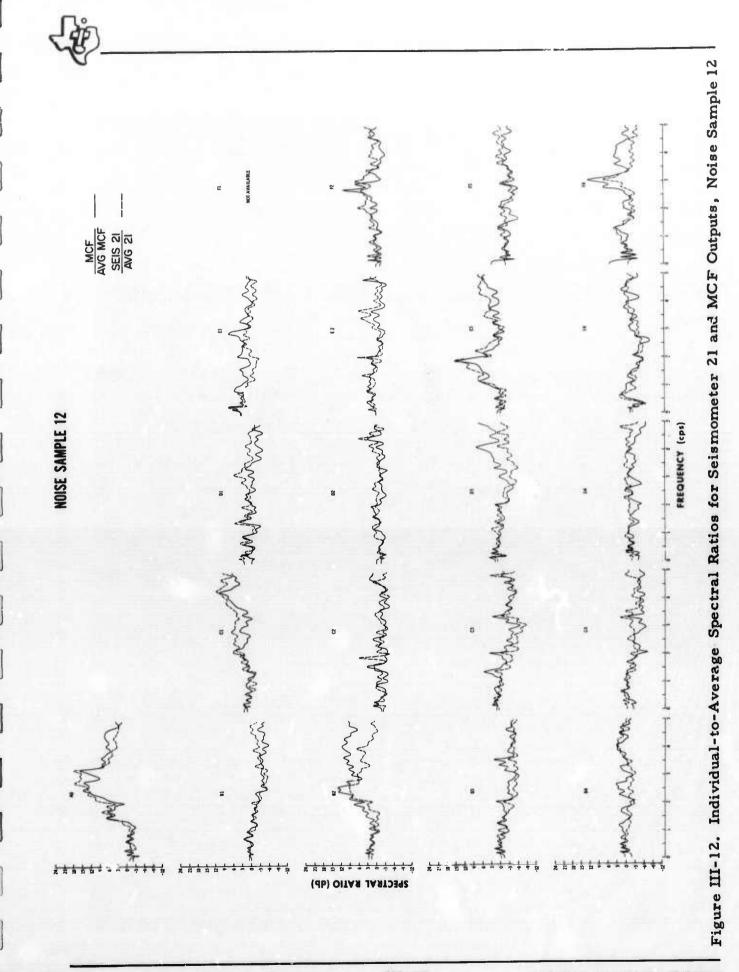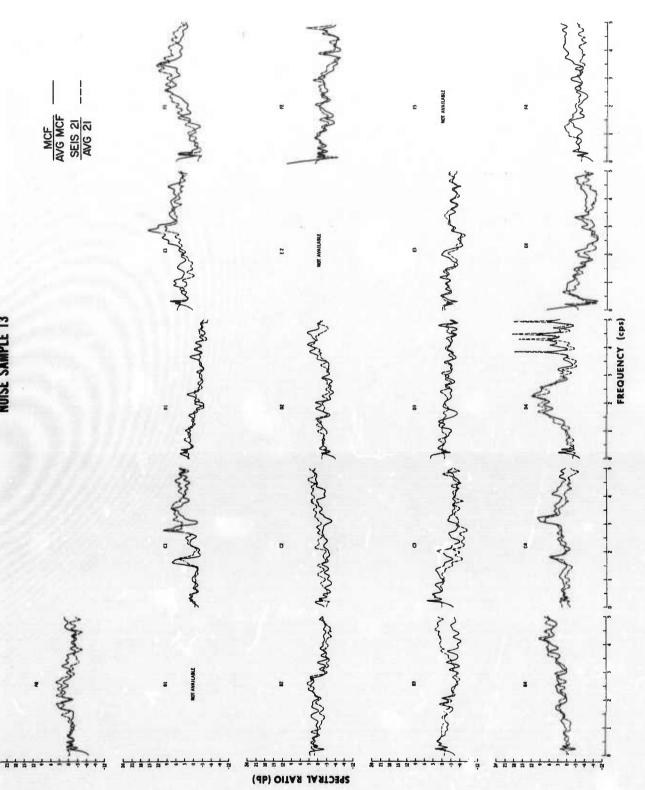Figure III-3. Individual-to-Average Spectral Ratios for Seismometer 21 and MCF Outputs, Noise Sample 3

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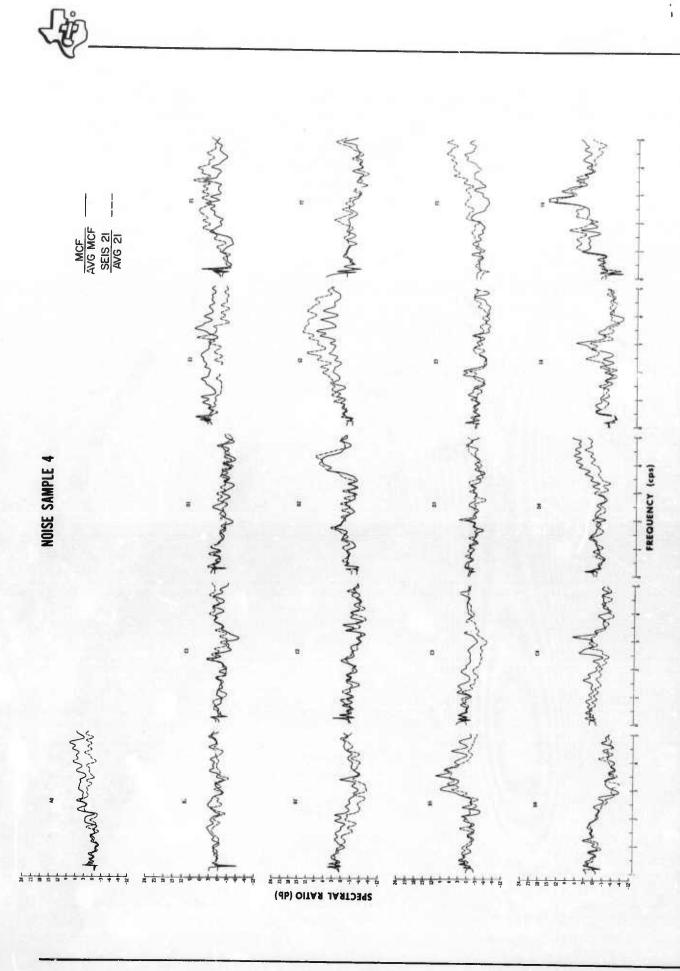
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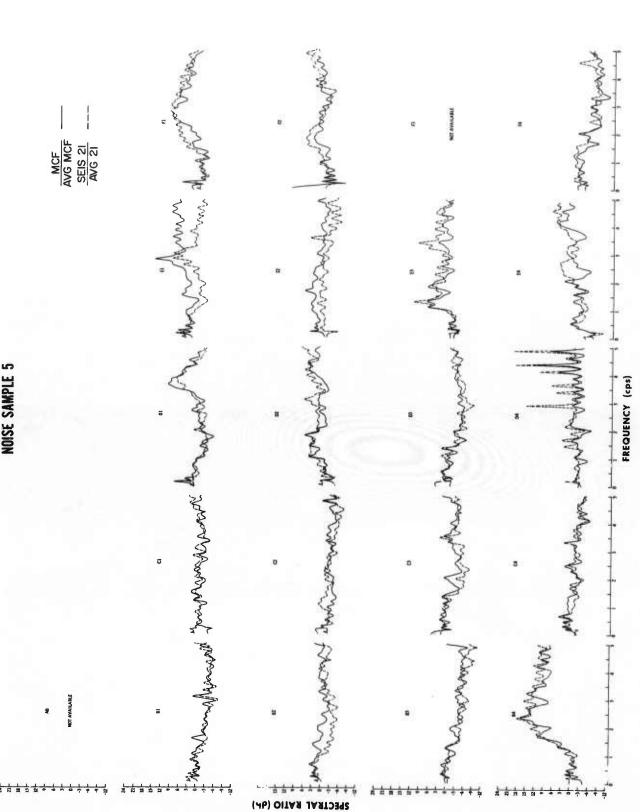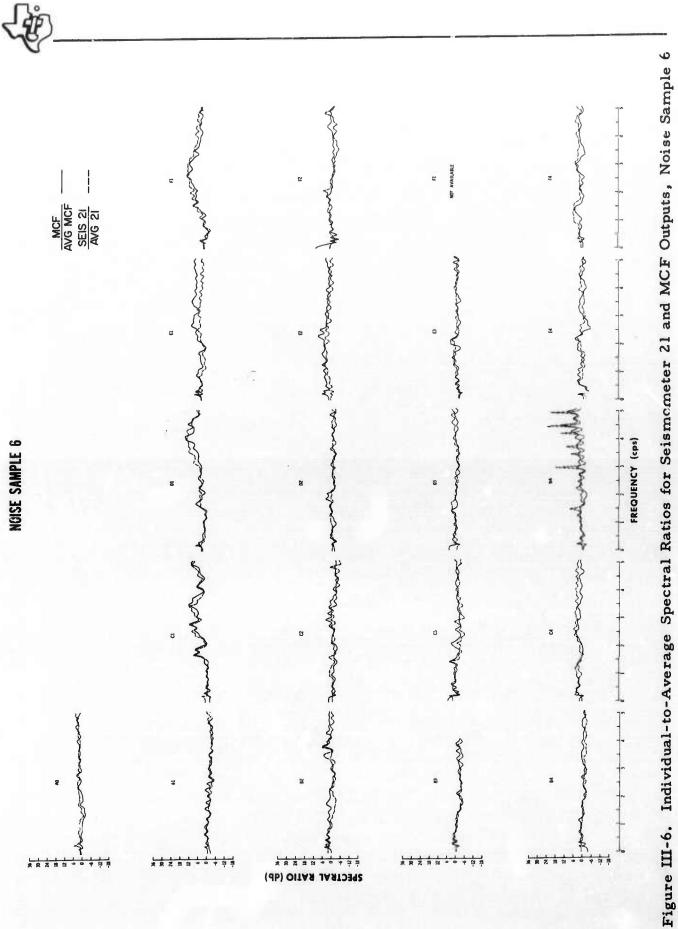
NOISE SAMPLE 5

Figure III-5. Individual-to-Average Spectral Ratios for Seismometer 21 and MCF Outputs, Noise Sample 5

Figure III-6. Individual-to-Average Spectral Ratios for Seismometer 21 and MCF Outputs, Noise Sample 6

NOISE SAMPLE 7

Figure III-7. Individual-to-Average Spectral Ratios for Seismometer 21 and MCF Outputs, Noise Sample 7
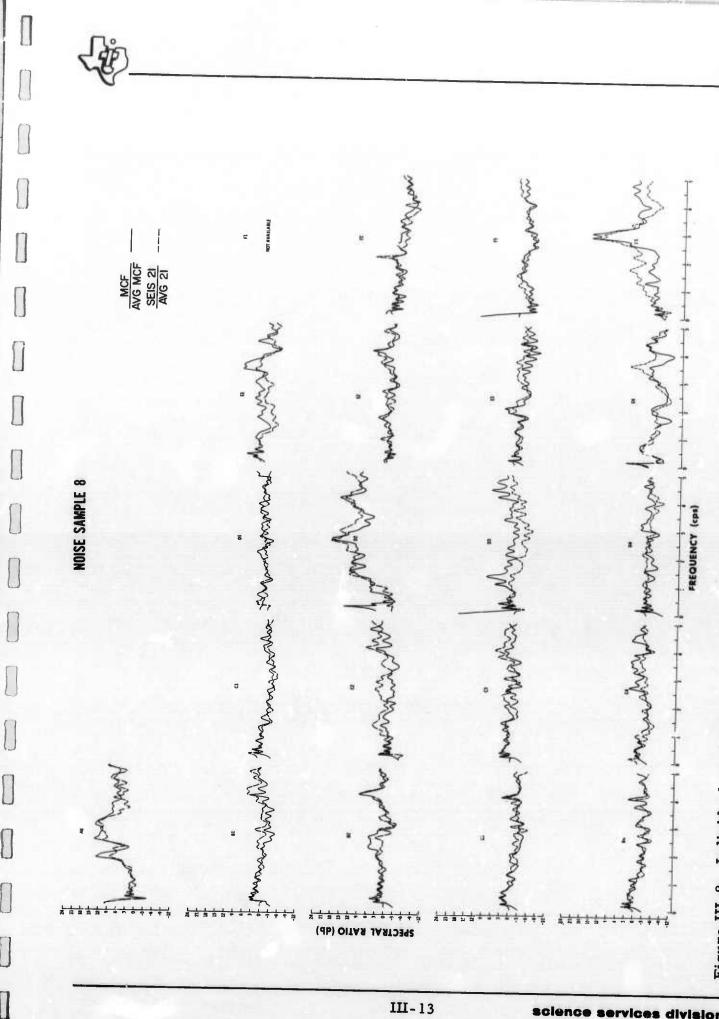
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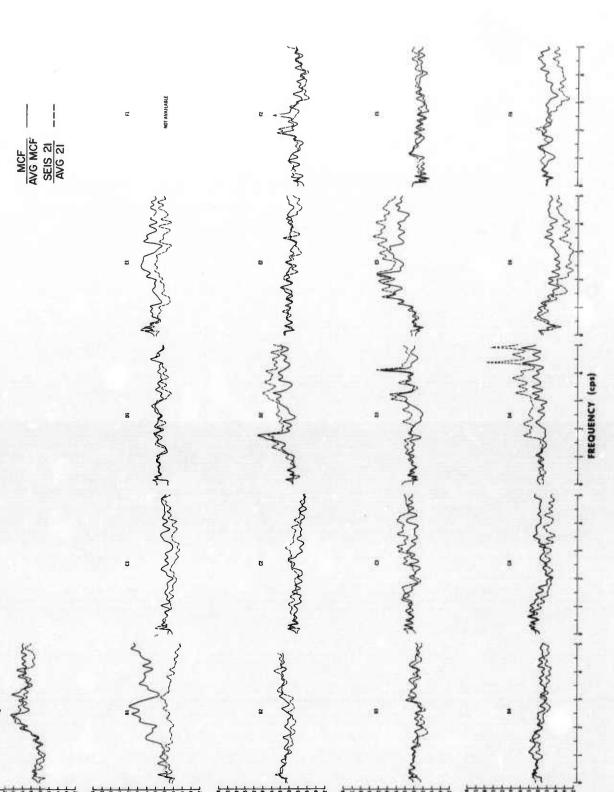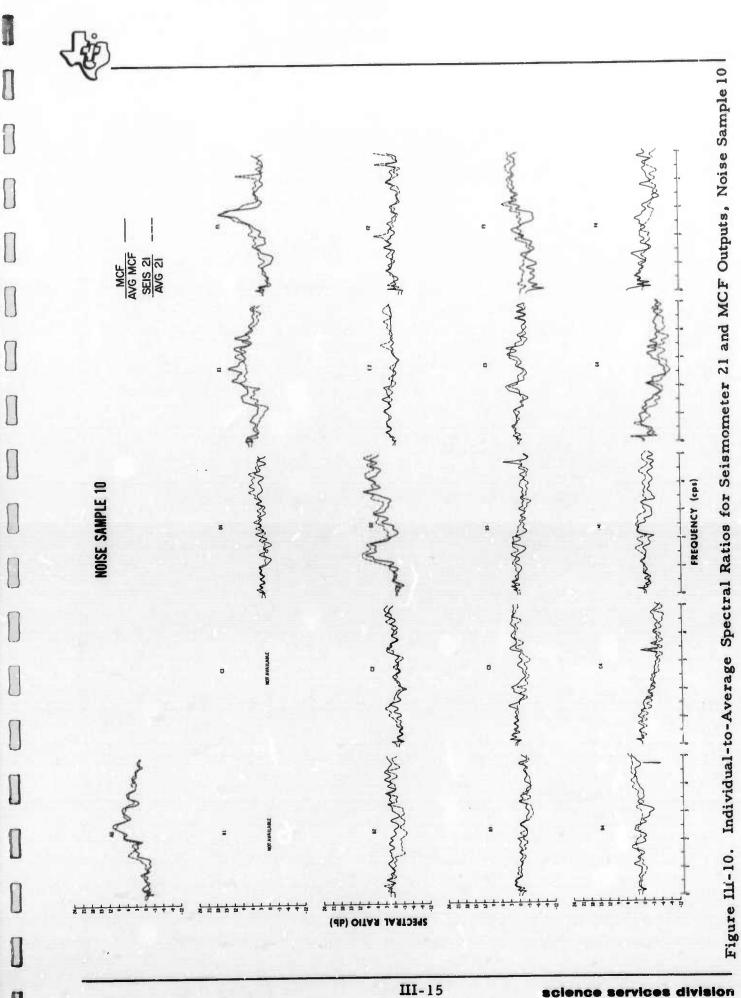
Figure III-9. Individual-to-Average Spectral Ratios for Seismometer 21 and MCF Outputs, Noise Sample 9

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NOISE SAMPLE 10

MCF
AVG MCF
SEIS 21
AVG 21

SPECTRAL RATIO (dB)

FREQUENCY (cps)

Figure III-10. Individual-to-Average Spectral Ratios for Seismometer 21 and MCF Outputs, Noise Sample 10
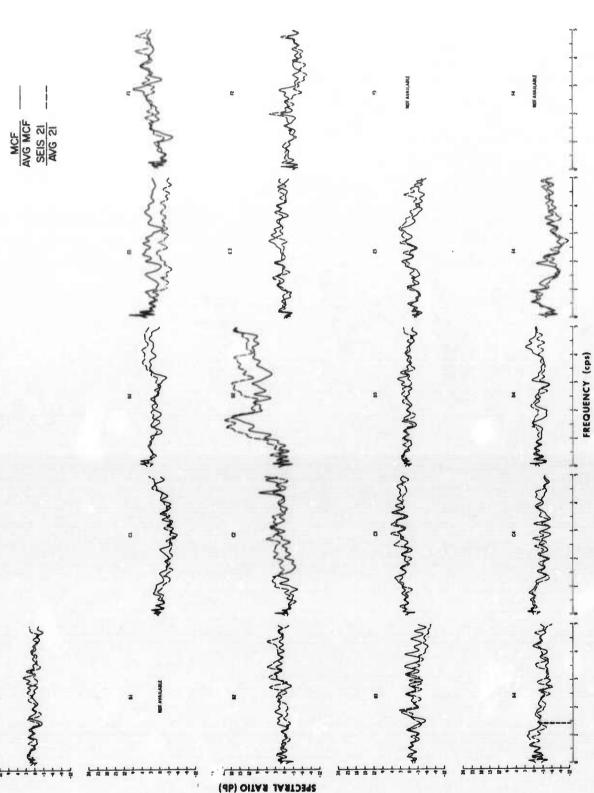
Figure III-11. Individual-to-Average Spectral Ratios for Seismometer 21 and MCF Outputs, Noise Sample 11

Figure III-12. Individual-to-Average Spectral Ratios for Seismometer 21 and MCF Outputs, Noise Sample 12

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Figure III-13. Individual-to-Average Spectral Ratios for Seismometer 21 and MCF Outputs, Noise Sample 13

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STRUCTURE CONTOURS ON PRESENT OR RESTORED BASE OF COLORADO SHALE
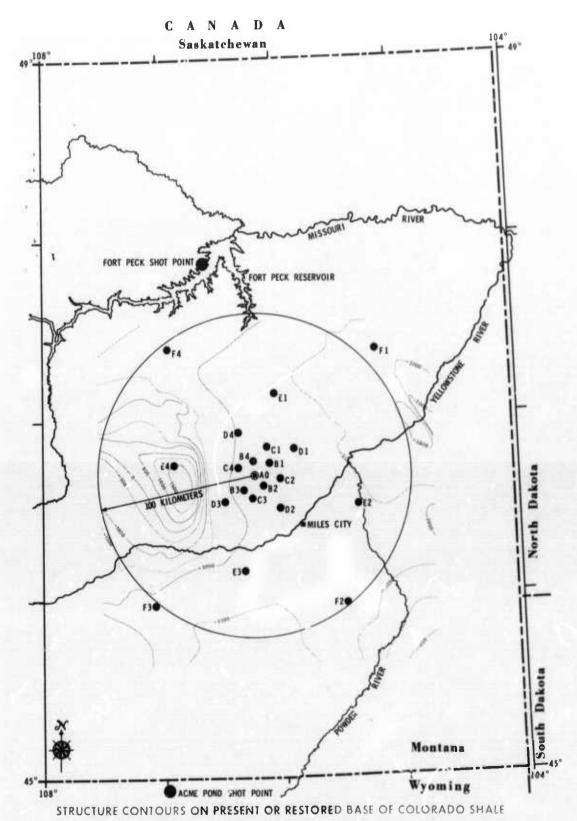
Figure III-14.   Subsurface Geology at LASA

SECTION IV

TIME VARIABILITY OF LASA NOISE FIELD

To study the long-term time variability of the LASA noise field, spectral estimates for both the single seismometer and MCF outputs at each subarray were plotted as a function of time (Figures IV-1 through IV-21). The spectra were converted to absolute units (db relative to $1 (m\mu)^2/cps$ at 1 cps) using the fact that the noise data had been equalized to 35 counts/$m\mu$ at 1 cps on the basis of the nearest (in time) 1 cps calibration information. The plots were confined to the 0- to 2-cps band because the main interest was in the microseismic peak. Dashed lines join the peak values of the power spectra; solid lines join the average power levels. The two lines are about parallel for each subarray because of the peaked nature of the spectra.

The maximum variation in the power levels was 8 to 10 db for each subarray over the 6-month period covered by the noise samples. Note that the microseismic "peak" was really two peaks — one at 2.0 cps and one at 0.3 cps — and that the maximum value of a spectrum occurred at 0.2 cps for some noise samples and at 0.3 cps for others.
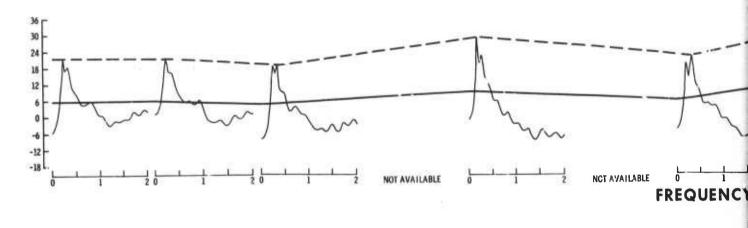
Figure IV-22 shows that the variations in average power from noise sample to noise sample were similar at all subarrays. Noise samples 5 and 8 had relatively high power levels, while noise samples 9, 11, and 13 were low. The excellent agreement between subarrays was also indicated in Section III by the consistency of the spectral ratios at the microseismic peak; i.e., although the absolute level varied, the relative levels between subarrays were consistent. It is evident that a common mechanism generated most of the energy in the microseismic peak across the entire LASA. This observation is consistent with the theory that large storms at sea are the major source of low-frequency microseismic energy.[2] The far-source generation mechanism contrasts with the local generation of microseismic noise above 1.5 cps as observed in Section III.

Above 1.5 cps, tne time variability can be determined from Figures III-1 to III-13. As stated previously, considerable variation from noise sample to noise sample existed at each subarray. Figures IV-23 through IV-25 illustrate the variation for three subarrays. For all three, the ratios were similar at the microseismic peak. Above 1.5 cps, B2 tended to be low; however, noise samples 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 had highs at some frequencies. D2 tended to be high, but noise samples 2, 3, and 13 were about average. F4 was quite variable. Thus, most of the microseismic energy above 1.5 cps appeared to be nontime stationary.

In summary, noise levels varied by 8 to 10 db from noise sample to noise sample at the microseismic peak; but the variation was observed across LASA, implying a common noise source for most of the energy between 0.2 and 0.3 cps. The relative levels were also consistent, with subarrays E4, F3, and F4 lower than average and B2, C3, and C4 higher. Between the microseismic peak and 1.5 cps, noise levels varied both from subarray to subarray and from noise sample to noise sample though part of the noise in this range was high velocity. A possible explanation for the variation is the variation in noise-source location as indicated by the wavenumber analysis.[2] Above 1.5 cps, the noise was nontime stationary and appeared to b locally generated (i.e., in the vicinity of a given subarray).

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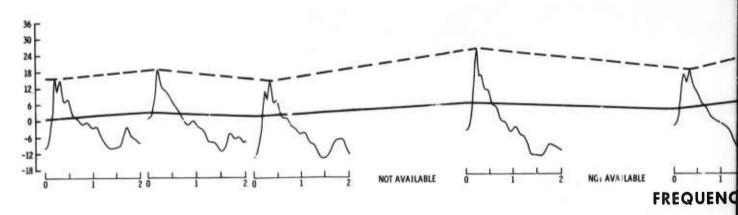
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| | | | | | | |
|1|2|3|4|5|6|7|

NOT AVAILABLE

NOT AVAILABLE

FREQUENCY

A

21 OUTPUT SUBARRAY A0

FREQUENCY (cps)

NOISE SAMPLE

7　8　9　10　11　12　13

OUTPUT SUBARRAY A0

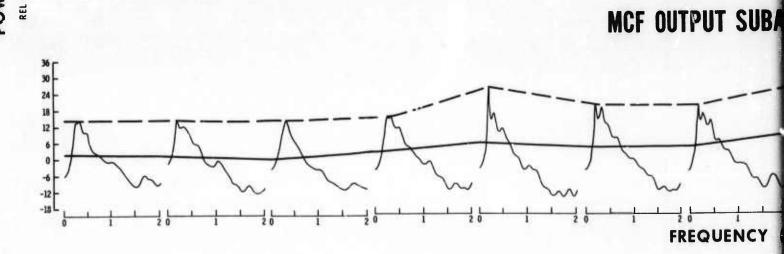FREQUENCY (cps)
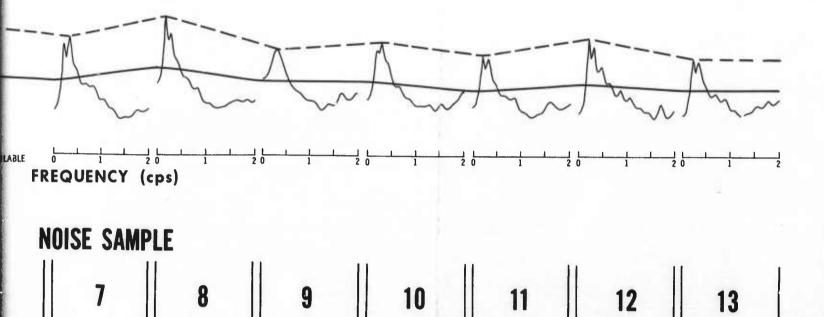
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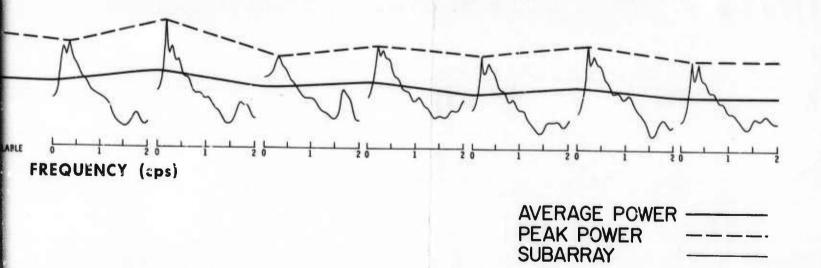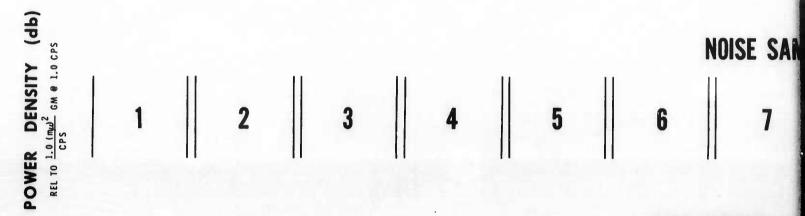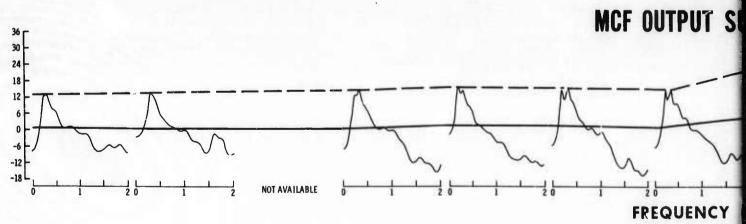
Figure IV-1.　Time Variability of Seismometer 21 and
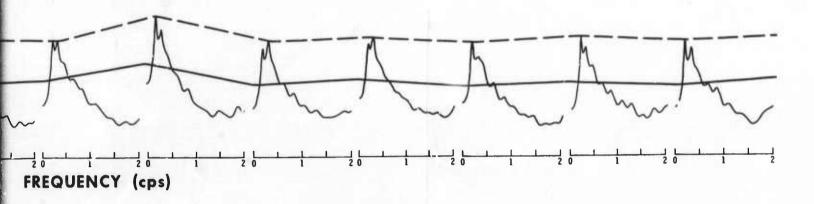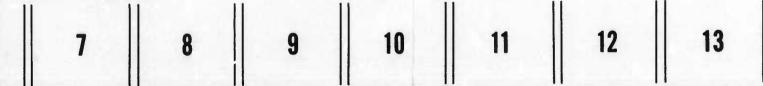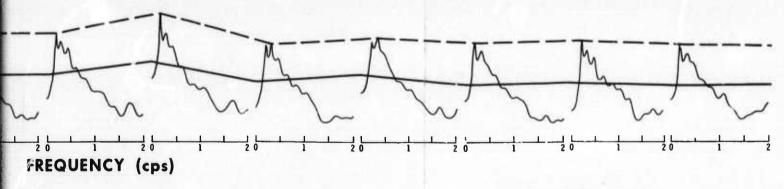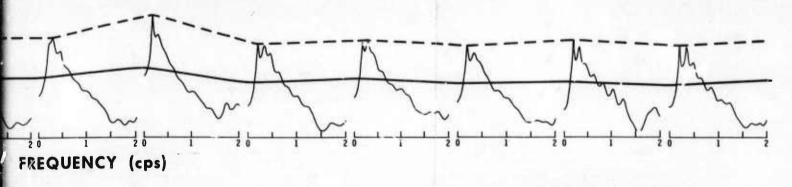MCF Power Spectra, Subarray A0
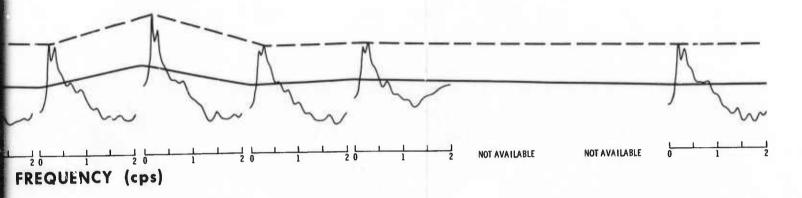
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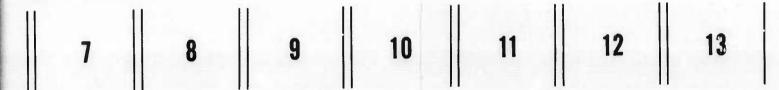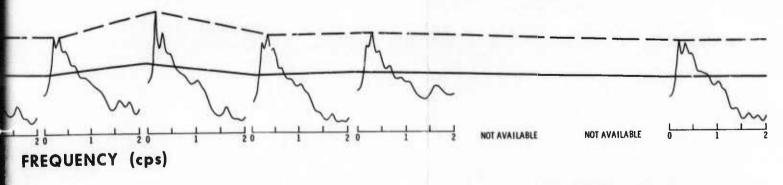
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MCF OUTPUT S

POWER DENSITY (db)

REL TO $1.0 \frac{(m\mu)^2}{CPS}$ GM @ 1.0 CPS
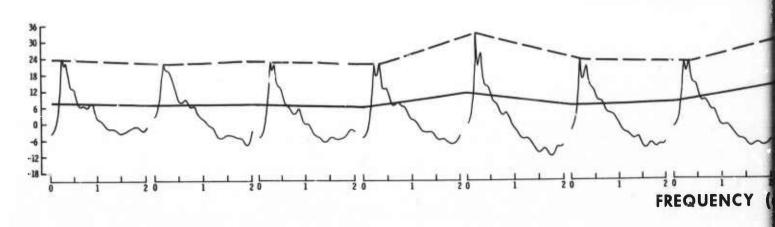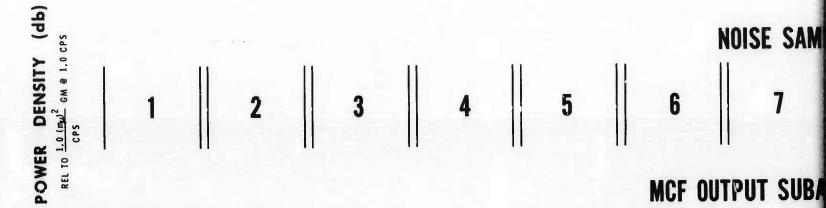
Figure IV-2. Time Variability of Seismometer 21 and
MCF Power Spectra, Subarray B1

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FREQUENCY (

POWER DENSITY (db)

REL TO $\frac{1.0 (m\mu)^2}{CPS}$ GM @ 1.0 CPS

NOISE SAM

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

MCF OUTPUT SUBA

FREQUENCY

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21 OUTPUT SUBARRAY B2

FREQUENCY (cps)

NOISE SAMPLE

7 8 9 10 11 12 13

OUTPUT SUBARRAY B2

FREQUENCY (cps)
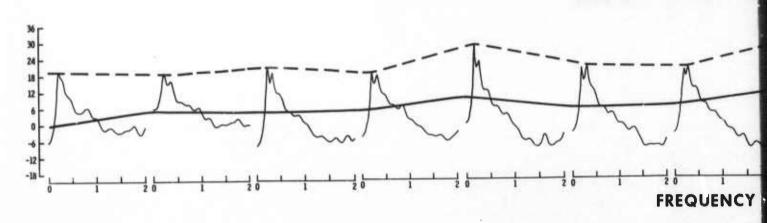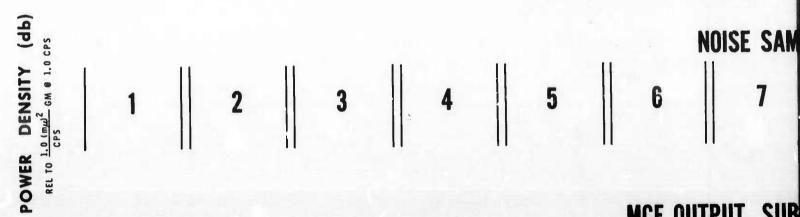
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SUBARRAY ———————

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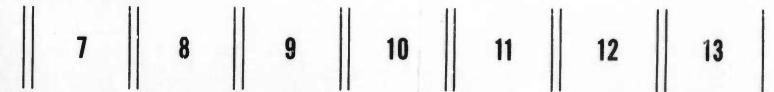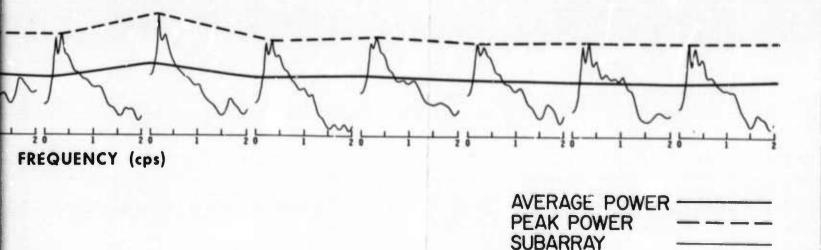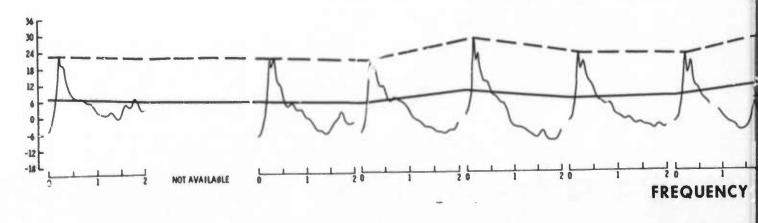MCF Power Spectra, Subarray B2
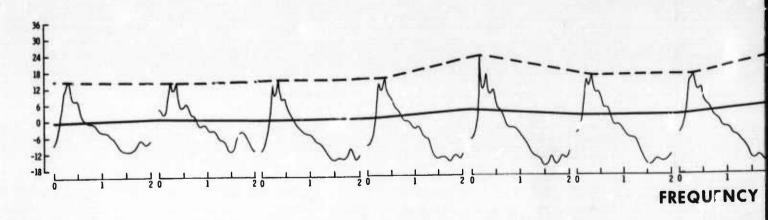
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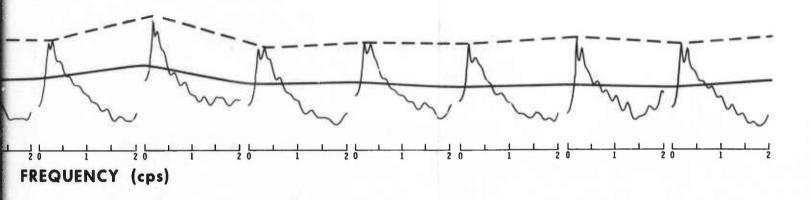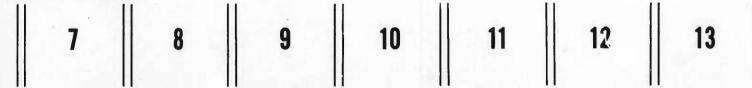
SEIS 21 OUTPUT S

FREQUENCY

POWER DENSITY (db)
REL TO $\frac{1.0 \, (m\mu)^2}{CPS}$ GM @ 1.0 CPS

NOISE SAM

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MCF OUTPUT SUB

FREQUENCY

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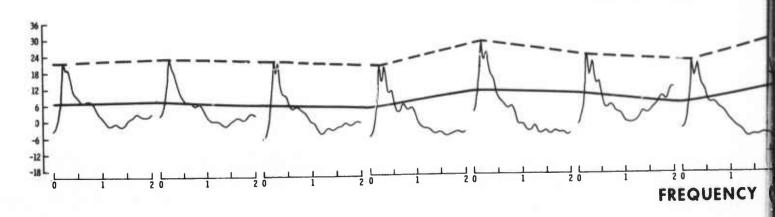
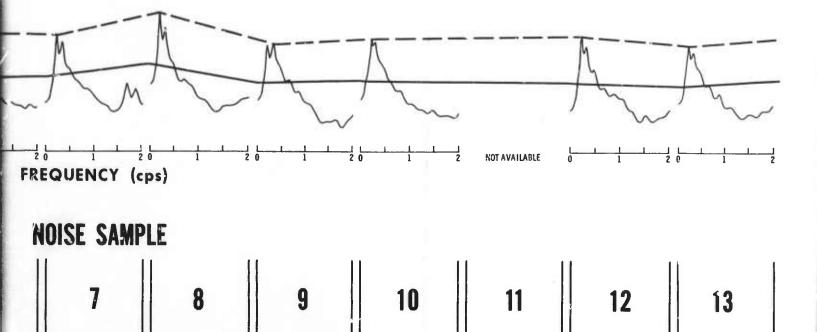Figure IV-4. Time Variability of Seismometer 21 and MCF Power Spectra, Subarray B3

SEIS 21 OUTPUT S

NOISE SAM

1   2   3   4   5   6   7

MCF OUTPUT SUB

POWER DENSITY (db)
REL TO $\frac{1.0\ (m\mu)^2}{CPS}$ GM @ 1.0 CPS

FREQUENCY

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FREQUENCY (cps)

NOISE SAMPLE

| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
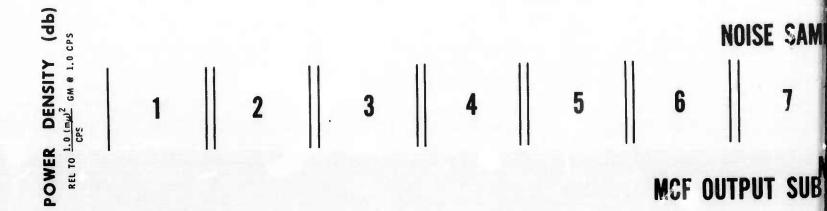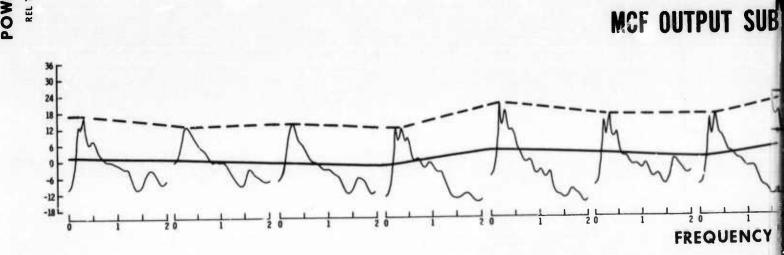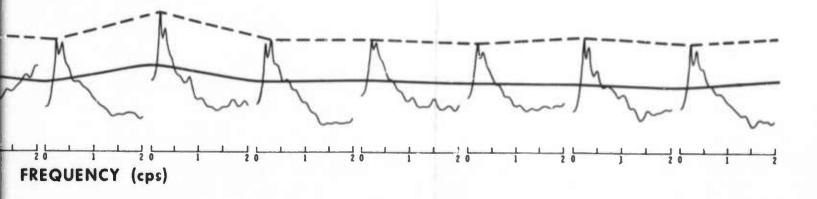
OUTPUT SUBARRAY B4

FREQUENCY (cps)

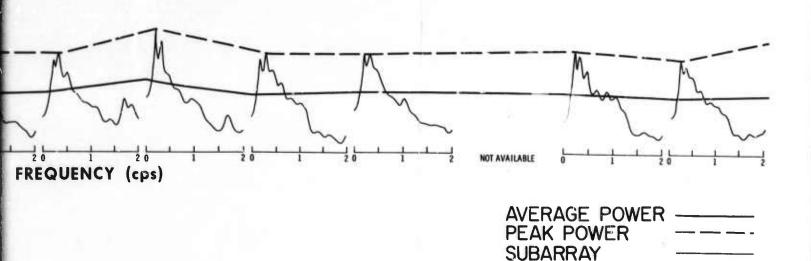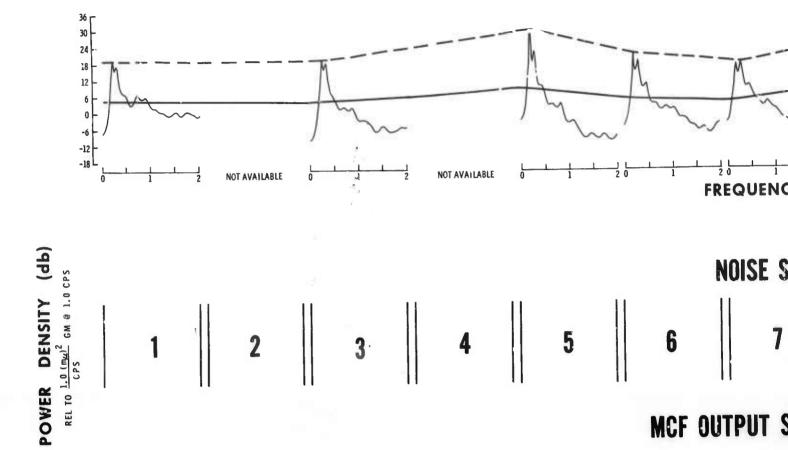AVERAGE POWER ————
PEAK POWER — — — —
SUBARRAY ————
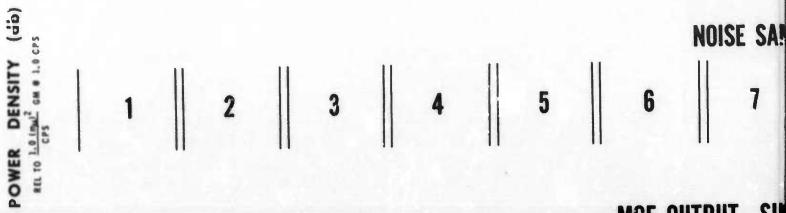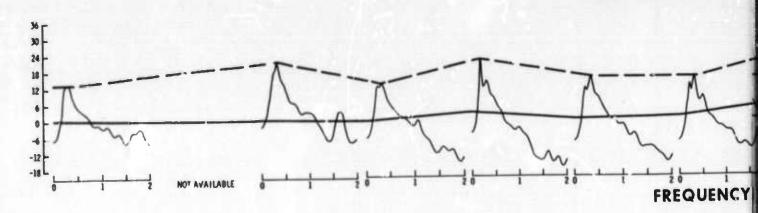
Figure IV-5.   Time Variability of Seismometer 21 and
MCF Power Spectra, Subarray B4

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POWER DENSITY (db)
REL TO $\frac{1.0 \text{ (m}\mu)^2}{\text{CPS}}$ GM @ 1.0 CPS
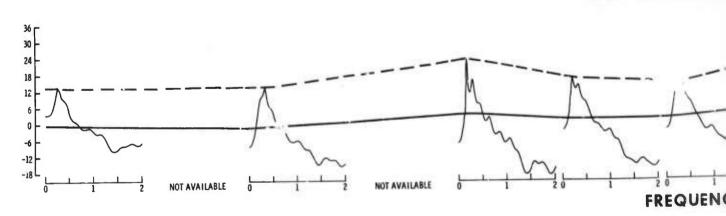
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Figure IV-6. Time Variability of Seismometer 21 and MCF Power Spectra, Subarray C1
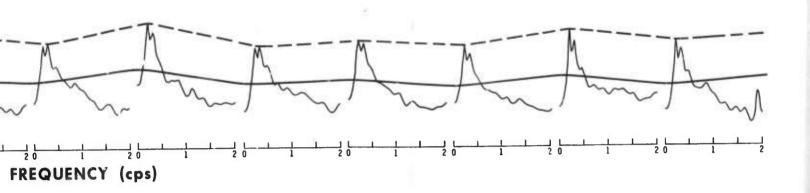
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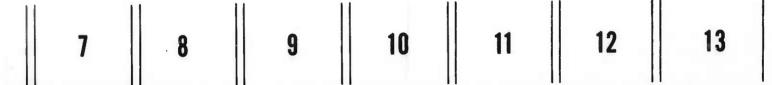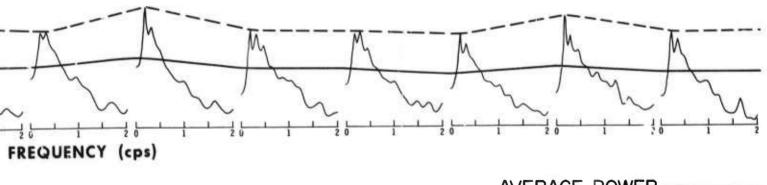
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MCF OUTPUT S

POWER DENSITY (db)
REL TO $\frac{1.0 (m\mu)^2}{CPS}$ GM @ 1.0 CPS

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NOT AVAILABLE

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OUTPUT SUBARRAY C2

FREQUENCY (cps)

NOISE SAMPLE

7   8   9   10   11   12   13

OUTPUT SUBARRAY C2

FREQUENCY (cps)
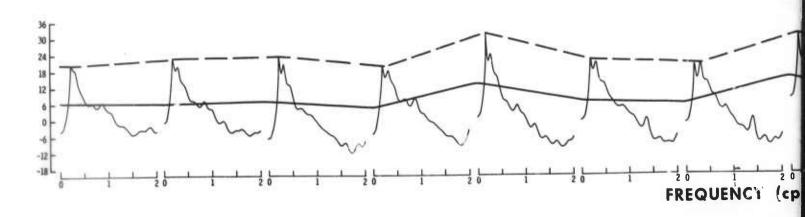
AVERAGE POWER ————
PEAK POWER   — — — —
SUBARRAY   ————

Figure IV-7.   Time Variability of Seismometer 21 and
MCF Power Spectra, Subarray C2
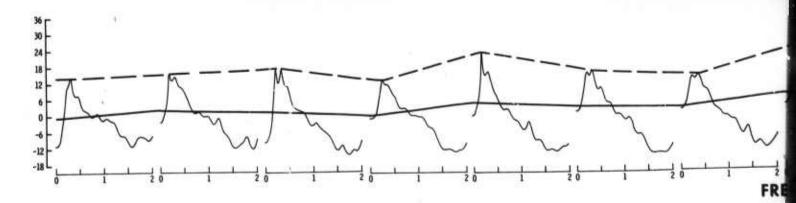
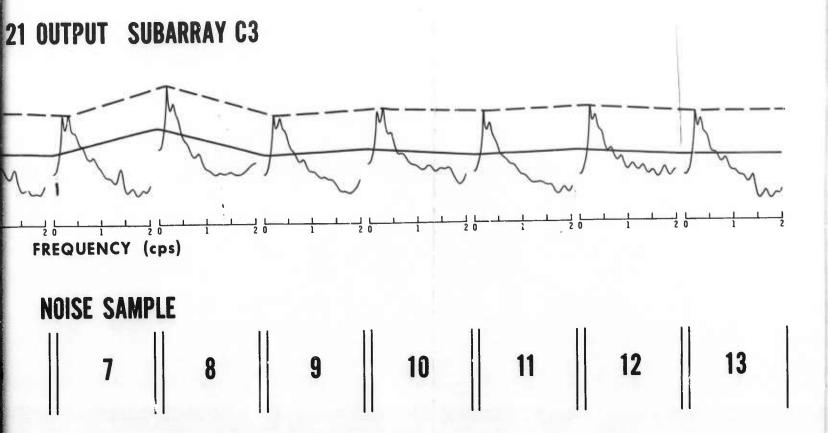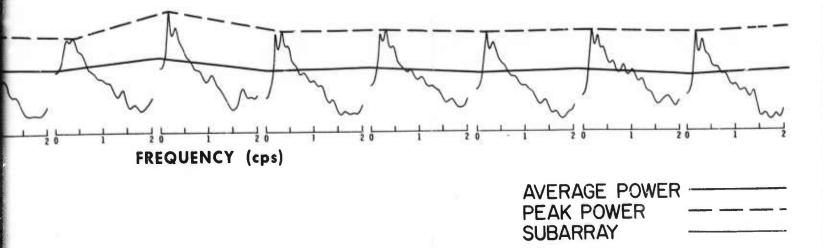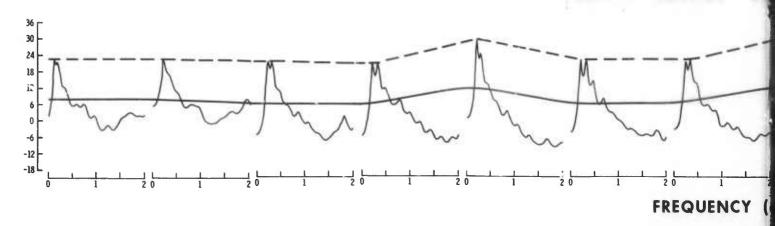SEIS 21 OUTPUT SUBA

POWER DENSITY (db)
REL TO $\frac{1.0 (m\mu)^2}{CPS}$ GM @ 1.0 CPS

FREQUENCY (cp

NOISE SAMPL

1   2   3   4   5   6   7

MCF OUTPUT SUB

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21 OUTPUT SUBARRAY C3

FREQUENCY (cps)

NOISE SAMPLE

7   8   9   10   11   12   13

CF OUTPUT SUBARRAY C3

FREQUENCY (cps)

AVERAGE POWER ——————
PEAK POWER — — — —
SUBARRAY ——————

Figure IV-8. Time Variability of Seismometer 21 and
MCF Power Spectra, Subarray C3

SEIS 21 OUTPUT SU
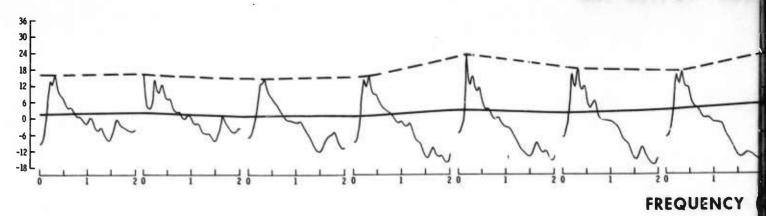
NOISE SAMP

MCF OUTPUT SUBA

POWER DENSITY (db)

REL TO $\frac{1.0 \, (m\mu)^2}{CPS}$ GM @ 1.0 CPS

FREQUENCY (

FREQUENCY

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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21 OUTPUT   SUBARRAY C4

FREQUENCY (cps)

NOISE SAMPLE

6   7   8   9   10   11   12   13

F OUTPUT   SUBARRAY C4
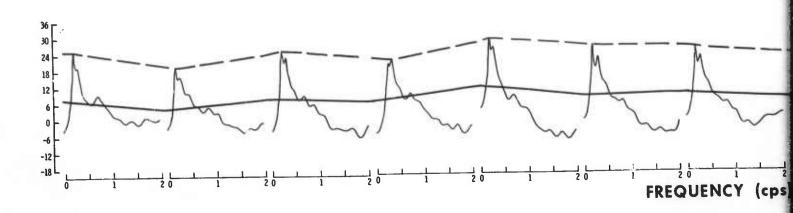
FREQUENCY (cps)

AVERAGE POWER ——+——
PEAK POWER   — — — —
SUBARRAY   ————————

Figure IV-9. Time Variability of Seismometer 21 and
MCF Power Spectra, Subarray C4

SEIS 21 OUTPUT SU

NOISE SAMP

MCF OUTPUT SUB

POWER DENSITY (db)

REL TO $\frac{1.0 \, (m\mu)^2}{CPS}$ GM @ 1.0 CPS

FREQUENCY (cps

FREQUENCY (cp

1   2   3   4   5   6   7

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21 OUTPUT SUBARRAY D1

NOT AVAILABLE

FREQUENCY (cps)

NOISE SAMPLE

| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |

F OUTPUT SUBARRAY D1

NOT AVAILABLE

FREQUENCY (cps)

AVERAGE POWER ——————
PEAK POWER   — — — —
SUBARRAY ——————

Figure IV-10.   Time Variability of Seismometer 21 and
MCF Power Spectra, Subarray D1

SEIS 21 OUTPUT S[...]

POWER DENSITY (db)

REL TO $\frac{1.0 \ (m\mu)^2}{CPS}$ GM @ 1.0 CPS

FREQUENCY

NOISE SAM[...]

| | 1 | | 2 | | 3 | | 4 | | 5 | | 6 | | 7 |

MCF OUTPUT SU[...]

FREQUENCY

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OUTPUT SUBARRAY D2

FREQUENCY (cps)

NOISE SAMPLE

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OUTPUT SUBARRAY D2

FREQUENCY (cps)

AVERAGE POWER
PEAK POWER
SUBARRAY

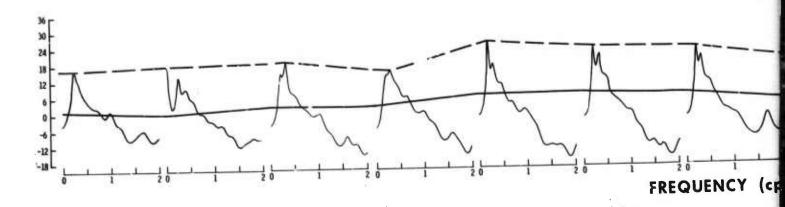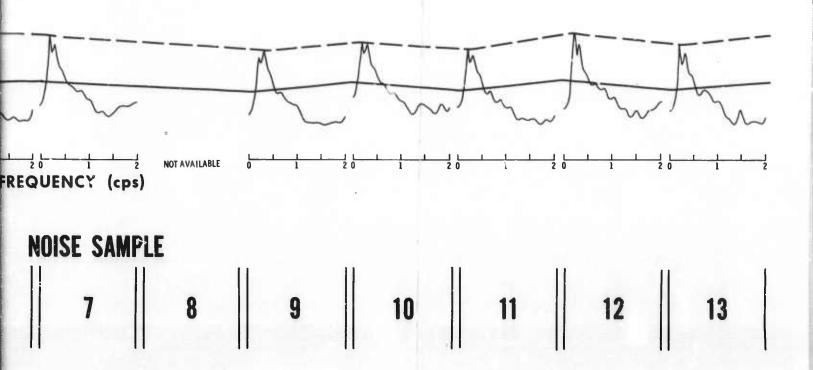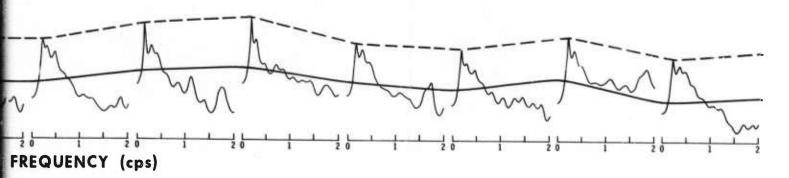Figure IV-11.   Time Variability of Seismometer 21 and
MCF Power Spectra, Subarray D2

NOT AVAILABLE

FREQUENCY

POWER DENSITY (db)

REL TO $\frac{1.0 (m\mu)^2}{CPS}$ GM @ 1.0 CPS

| | 1 | | 2 | | 3 | | 4 | | 5 | | 6 | | 7 |

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21 OUTPUT SUBARRAY D3

FREQUENCY (cps)

NOISE SAMPLE

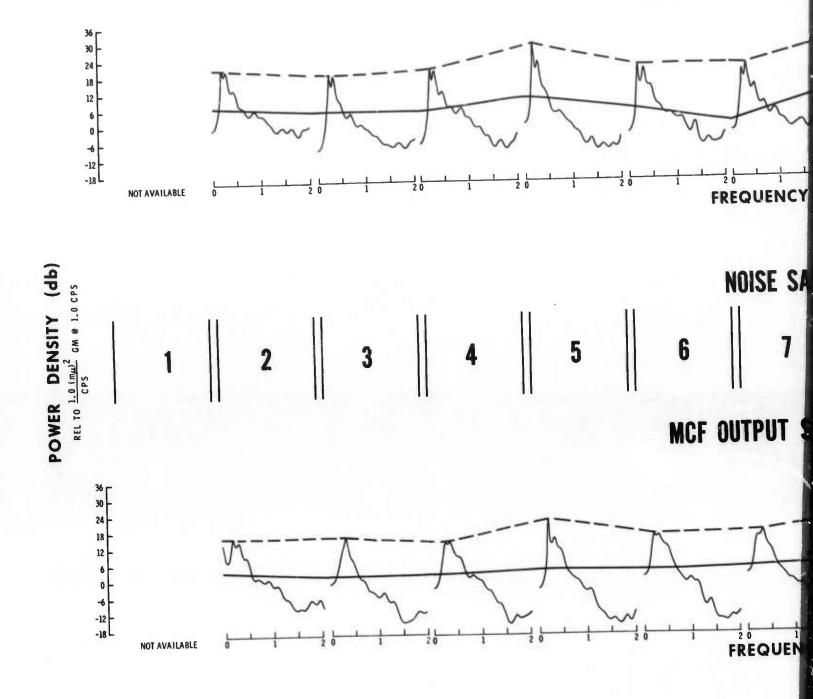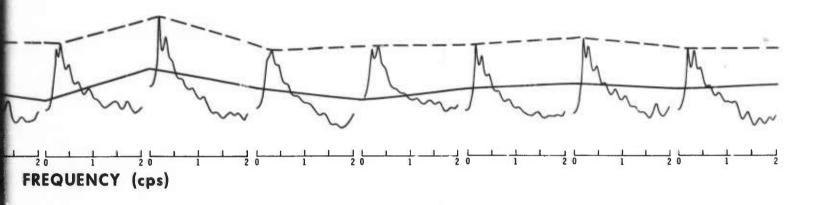| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |

F OUTPUT SUBARRAY D3

FREQUENCY (cps)

AVERAGE POWER ————
PEAK POWER ― ― ― ―
SUBARRAY ————

Figure IV-12.   Time Variability of Seismometer 21 and
MCF Power Spectra, Subarray D3
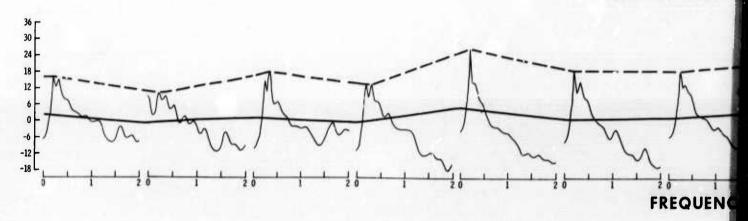
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MCF OUTPUT S

21 OUTPUT SUBARRAY D4

FREQUENCY (cps)

NOISE SAMPLE

7   8   9   10   11   12   13

F OUTPUT SUBARRAY D4

FREQUENCY (cps)

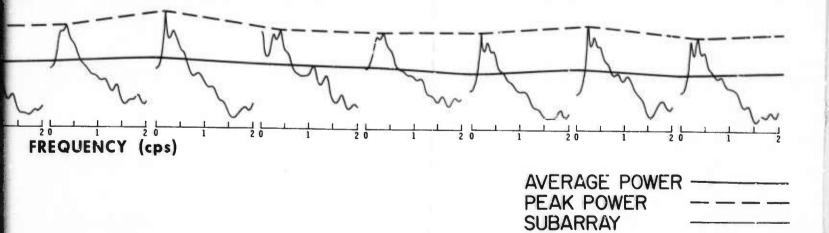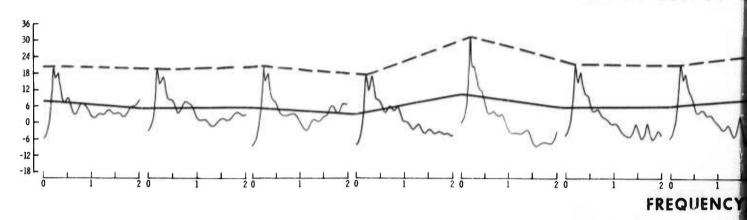AVERAGE POWER ————
PEAK POWER   — — — —
SUBARRAY   ————
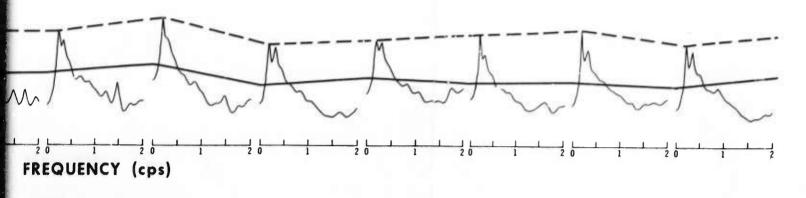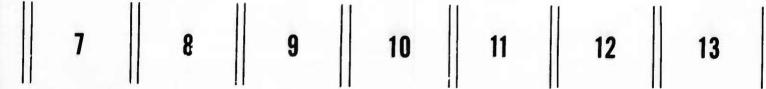
Figure IV-13.   Time Variability of Seismometer 21 and
MCF Power Spectra, Subarray D4

SEIS 21 OUTPUT SUB

POWER DENSITY (db)

REL TO $\frac{1.0 (m\mu)^2}{CPS}$ GM @ 1.0 CPS

NOISE SAMPL

MCF OUTPUT SUBA

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Y (cps)

NOISE SAMPLE

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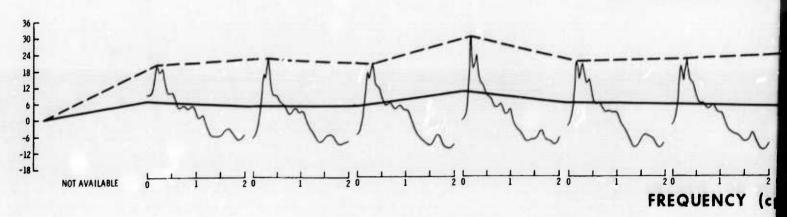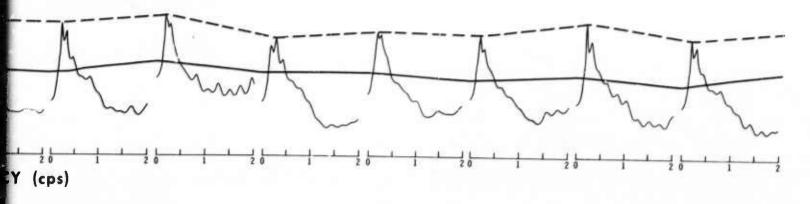
F OUTPUT SUBARRAY E1

FREQUENCY (cps)

AVERAGE POWER _____
PEAK POWER   _ _ _ _
SUBARRAY   _____

Figure IV-14.   Time Variability of Seismometer 21 and
MCF Power Spectra, Subarray E1

SEIS 21 OUTPUT SUB

NOISE SAMP

MCF OUTPUT SUBA

FREQUENCY (cp

POWER DENSITY (db)
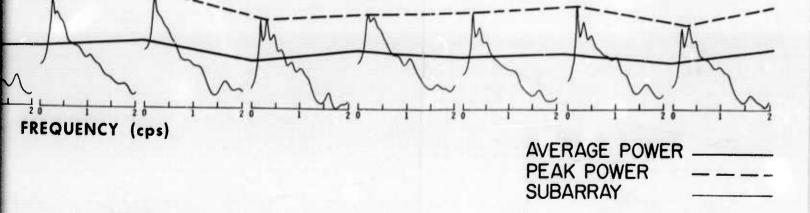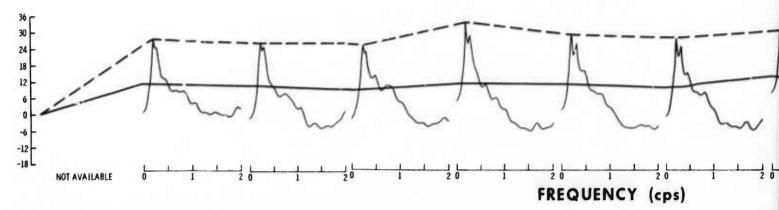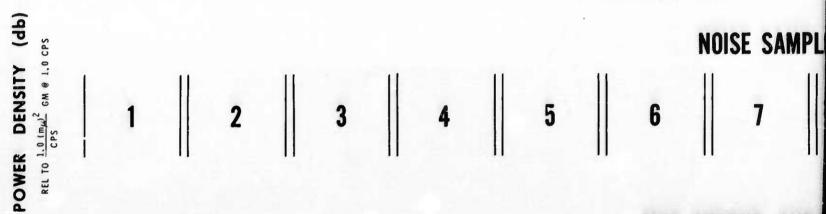
REL TO $\frac{1.0\,(m\mu)^2}{CPS}$ GM @ 1.0 CPS

Figure IV-15. Time Variability of Seismometer 21 and
MCF Power Spectra, Subarray E2

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SEIS 21 OUTPUT S

FREQUENCY

NOISE SAM

POWER DENSITY (db)

REL TO $\frac{1.0 (m\mu)^2}{CPS}$ GM @ 1.0 CPS

MCF OUTPUT S

FREQUENCY

21 OUTPUT SUBARRAY E3

FREQUENCY (cps)

NOISE SAMPLE

| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |

CF OUTPUT SUBARRAY E3

FREQUENCY (cps)

AVERAGE POWER ————
PEAK POWER   — — — —
SUBARRAY   ————

Figure IV-16. Time Variability of Seismometer 21 and
MCF Power Spectra, Subarray E3

SEIS 21 OUTPUT S

NOISE SAM

MCF OUTPUT SU

FREQUENCY

FREQUENCY

POWER DENSITY (db)

REL TO $\frac{1.0 \ (m\mu)^2}{CPS}$ GM @ 1.0 CPS

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Figure IV-17. Time Variability of Seismometer 21 and
MCF Power Spectra, Subarray E4

SEIS 21 OUTPUT SUB

NOISE SAMP

MCF OUTPUT SUBA

POWER DENSITY (db)

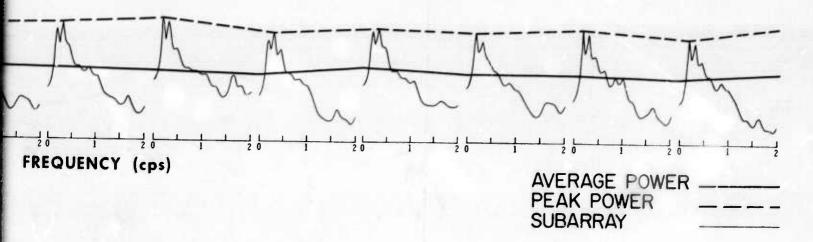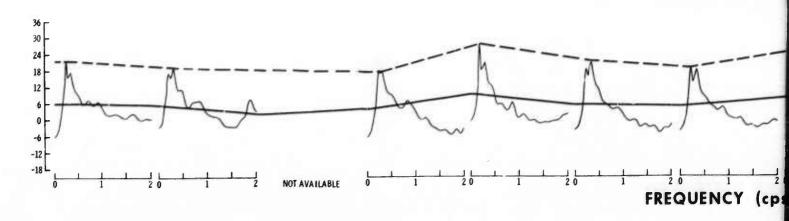REL TO $\frac{1.0 \, (m\mu)^2}{CPS}$ GM @ 1.0 CPS

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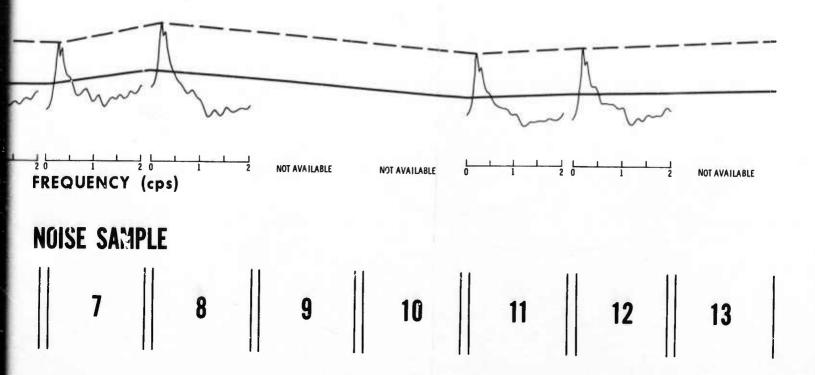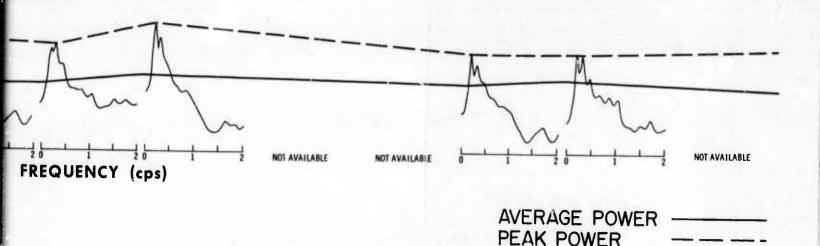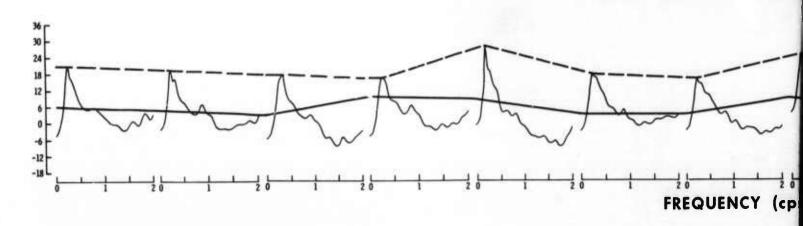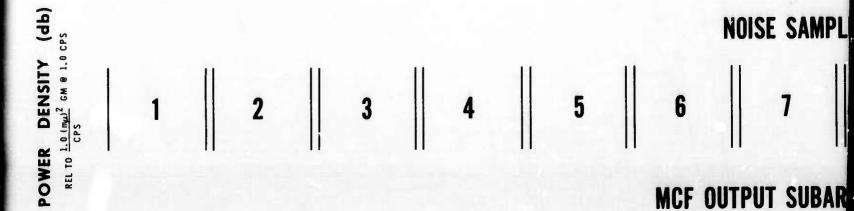
Figure IV-18. Time Variability of Seismometer 21 and MCF Power Spectra, Subarray F1
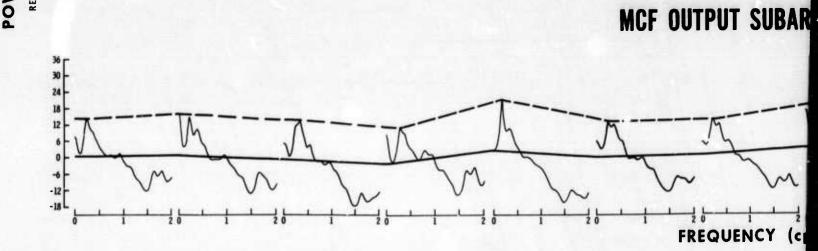
SEIS 21 OUTPUT SUBAR

POWER DENSITY (db)

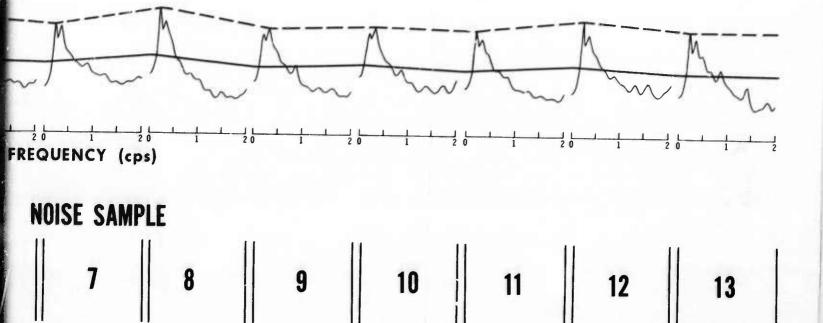REL TO $\frac{1.0\,(m\mu)^2}{CPS}$ GM @ 1.0 CPS

FREQUENCY (cp

NOISE SAMPL

1   2   3   4   5   6   7

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FREQUENCY (c

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OUTPUT SUBARRAY F2

NOT AVAILABLE

20 1 20 1 2

FREQUENCY (cps)

0 1 20 1 20 1 20 1 2

NOISE SAMPLE

7   8   9   10   11   12   13

OUTPUT SUBARRAY F2

NOT AVAILABLE

20 1 20 1 2

FREQUENCY (cps)

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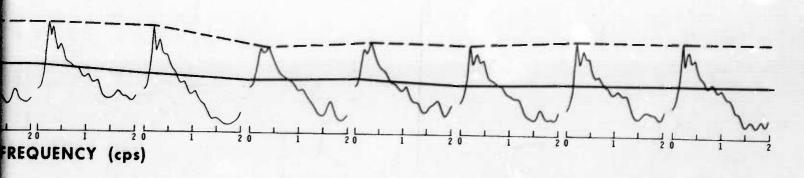
AVERAGE POWER ————
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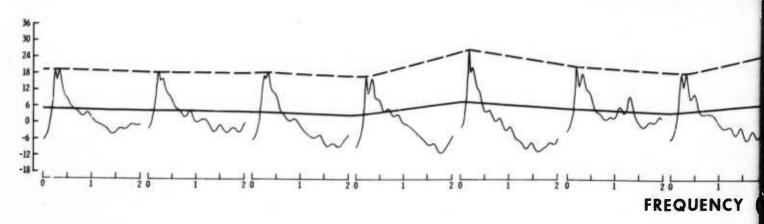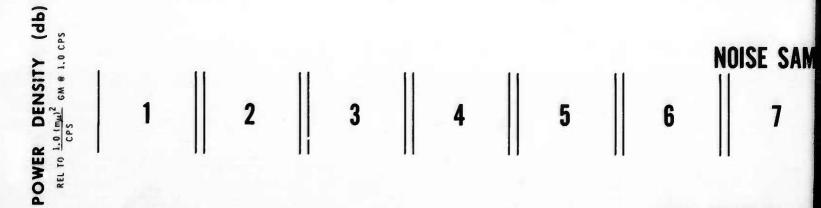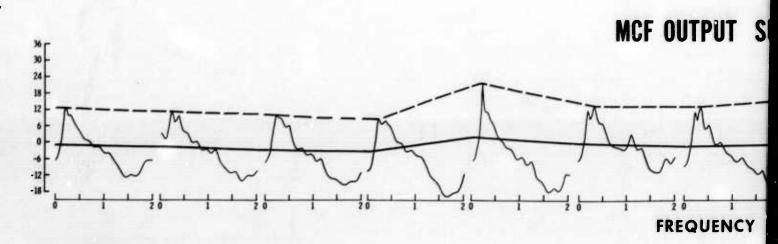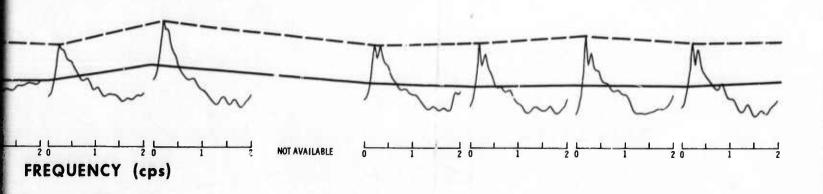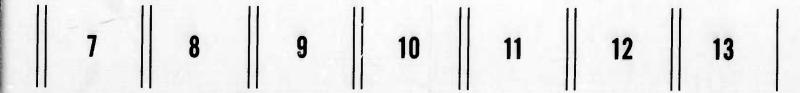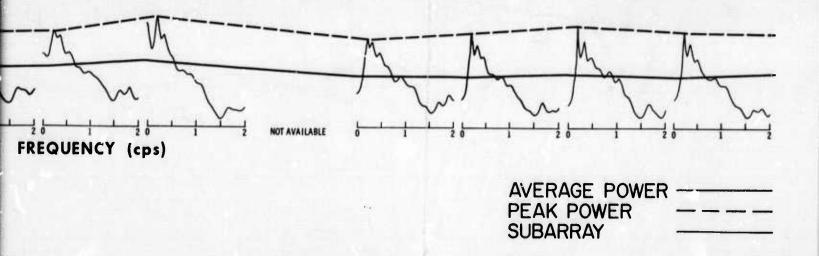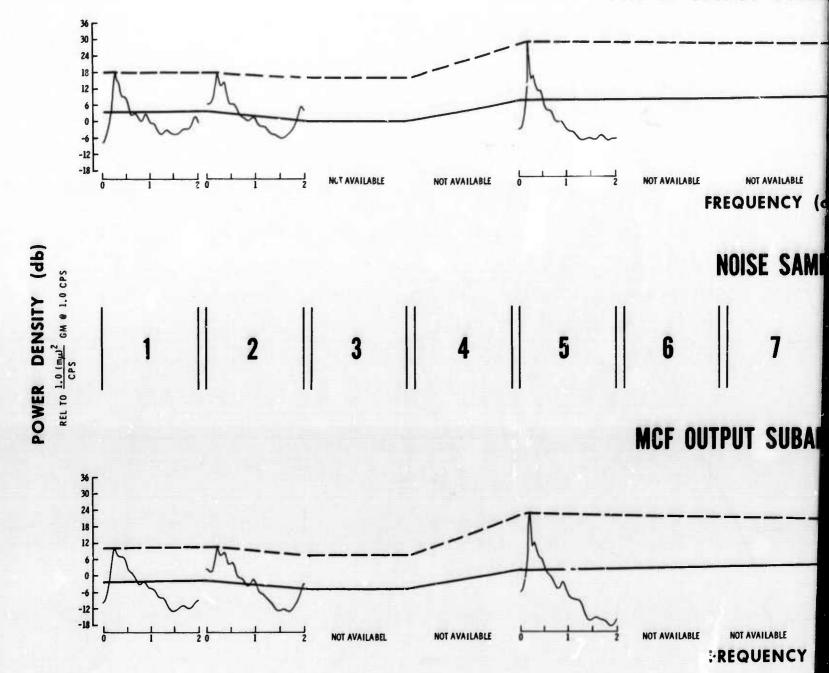
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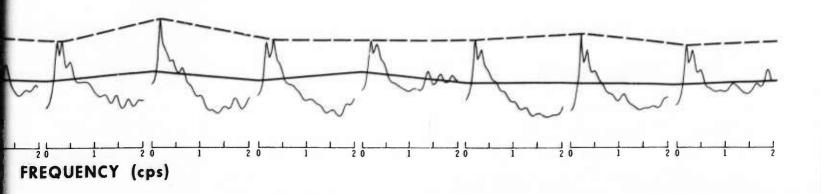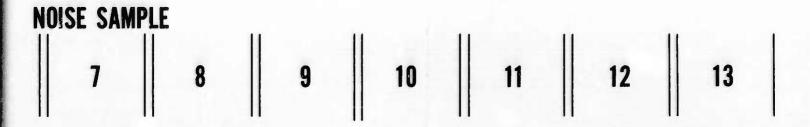
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POWER DENSITY (db)
REL TO $\frac{1.0 (m\mu)^2}{CPS}$ GM @ 1.0 CPS

NOISE SAM

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MCF OUTPUT SUBA

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OUTPUT SUBARRAY F3

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NOISE SAMPLE

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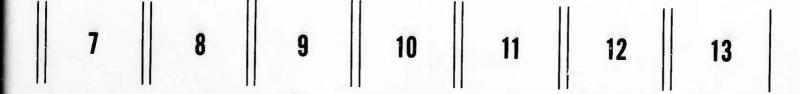
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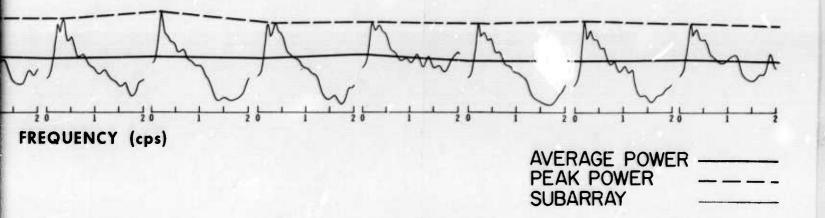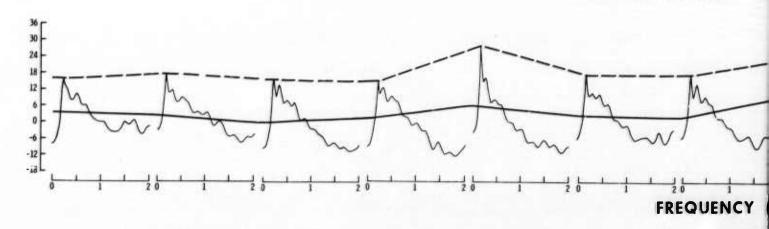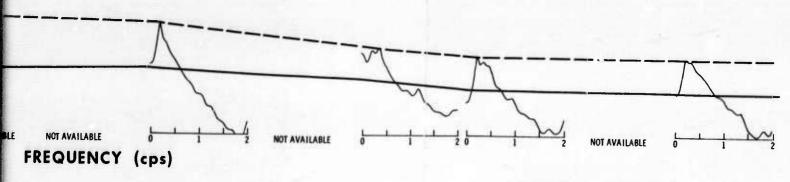
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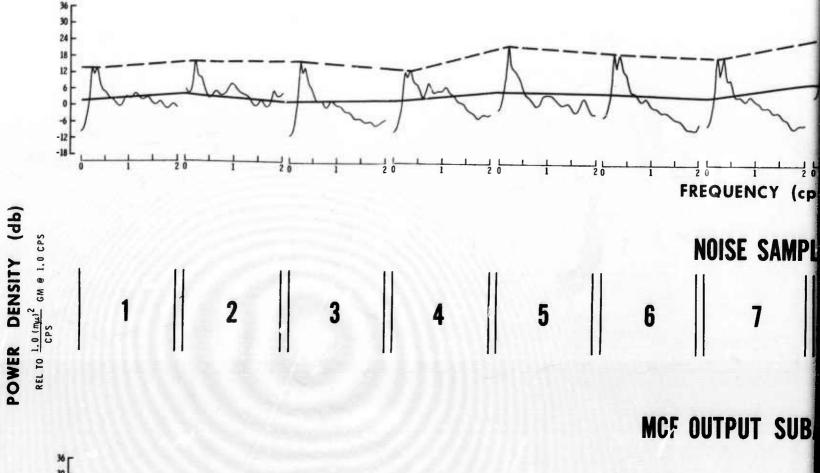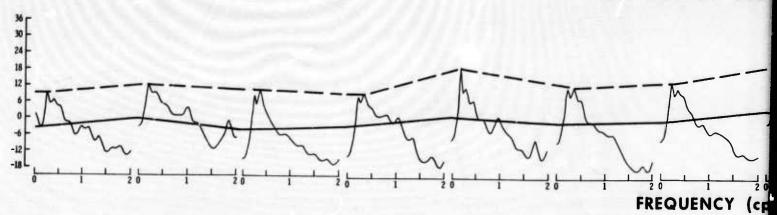
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POWER DENSITY (db)

REL TO $\frac{1.0 \, (m_\mu)^2}{CPS}$ GM @ 1.0 CPS

FREQUENCY (cp

NOISE SAMPL

1   2   3   4   5   6   7

MCF OUTPUT SUB

FREQUENCY (cp

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21 OUTPUT SUBARRAY F4

FREQUENCY (cps)

NOT AVAILABLE   NOT AVAIL/BLE

NOISE SAMPLE

7   8   9   10   11   12   13

CF OUTPUT SUBARRAY F4

FREQUENCY (cps)

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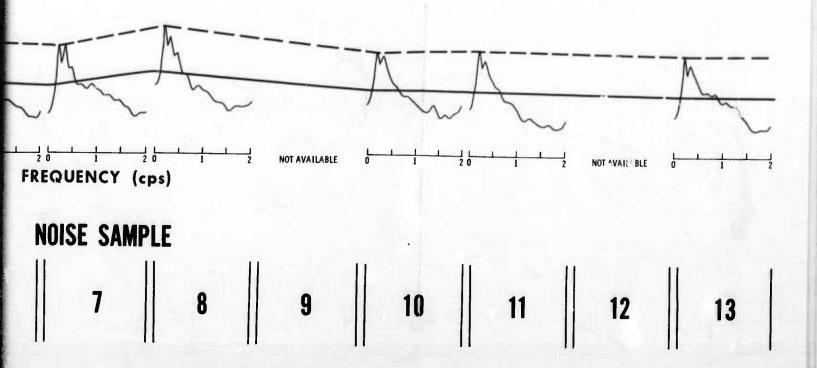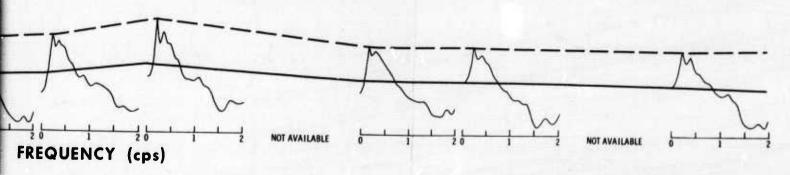
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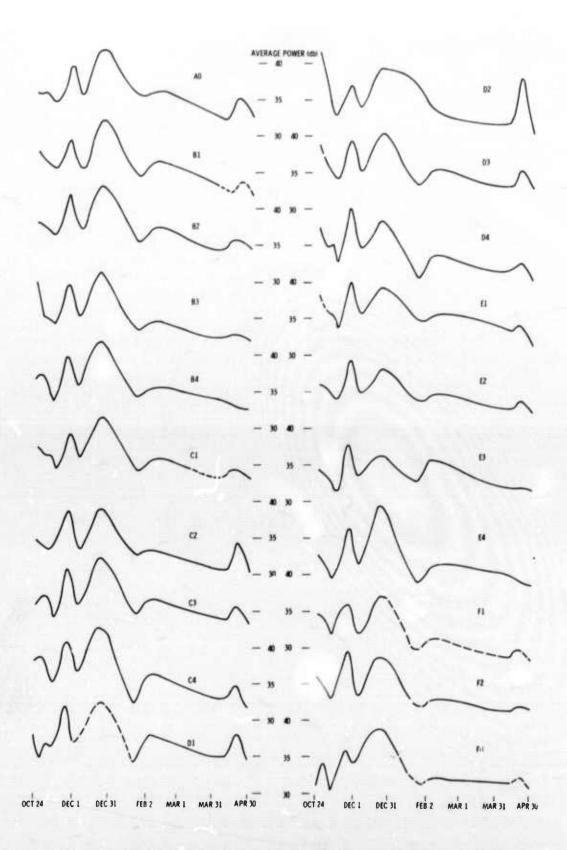
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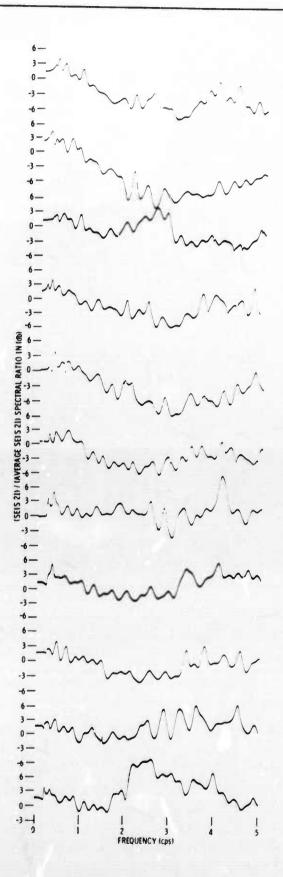
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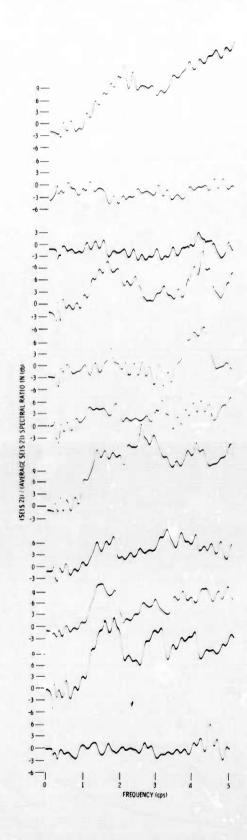
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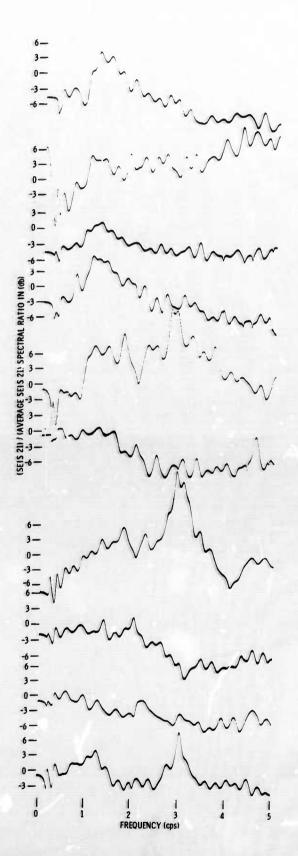
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